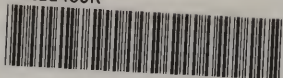


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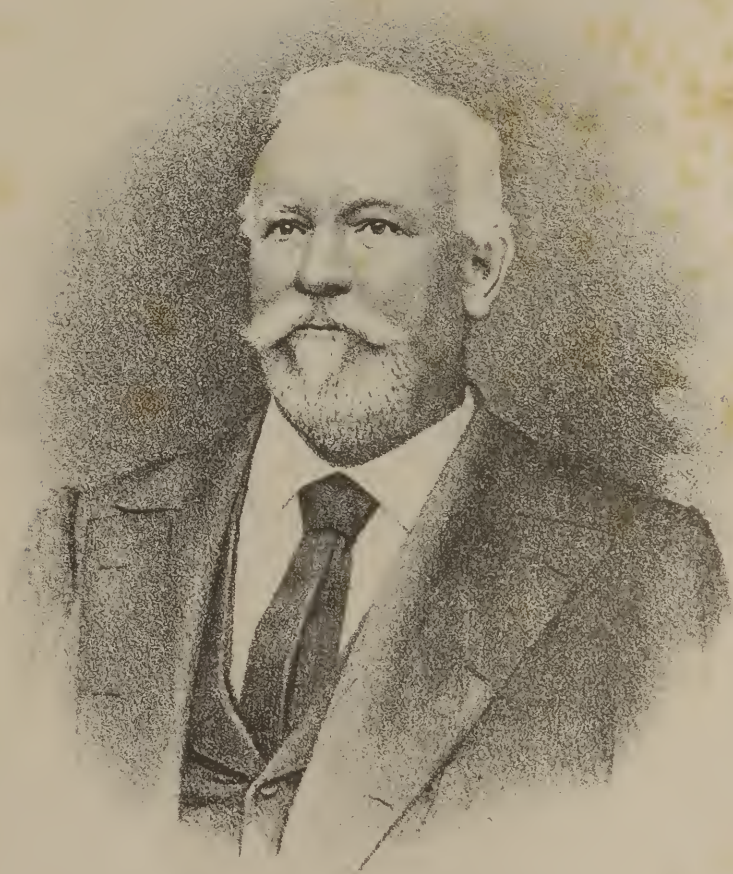
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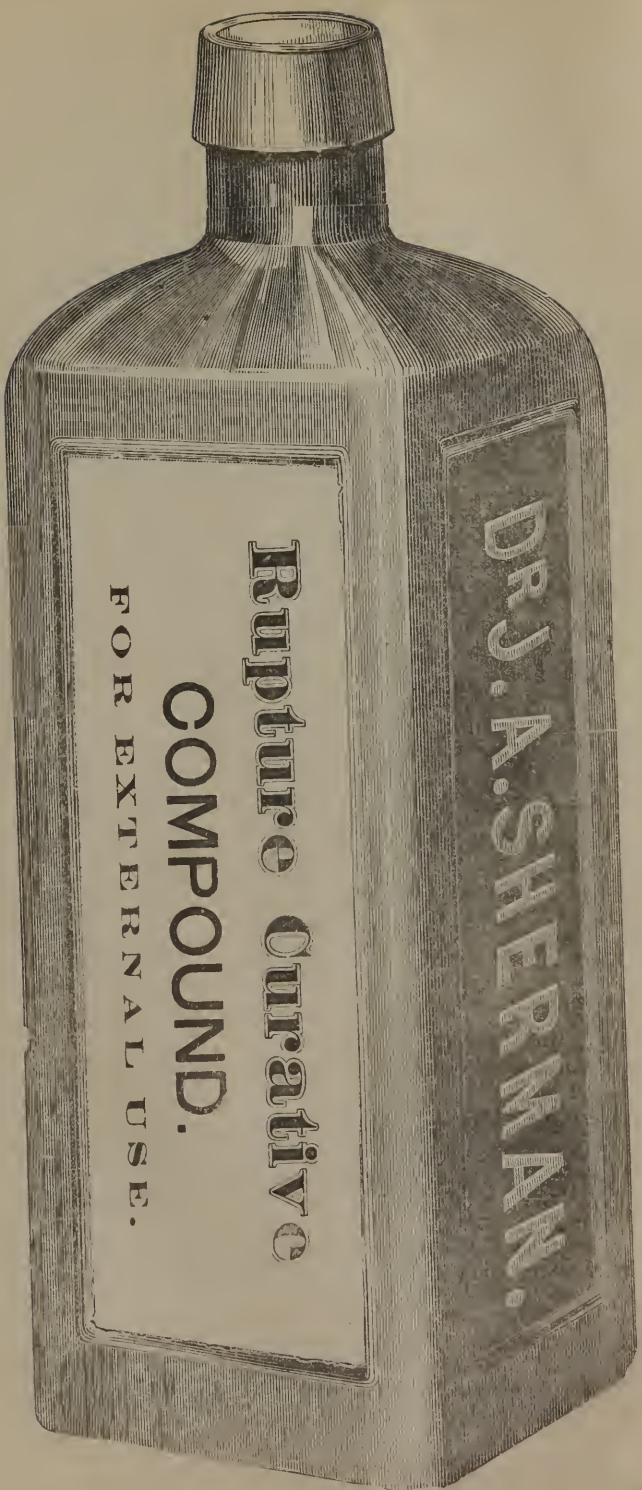
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New York, February, 1880.



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The photographs of cases, before and after treatment will be found in the Illustrated Supplement to this pamphlet. The object is to have this book fit to go in any family, while the supplement may be laid aside for special reference.

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Dr. S., in order to arrive at the absolute certainty of the correctness of the peculiar course of treatment invented and adopted by him, devoted great attention to the mechanism of the structure involved in the course of Hernia, so that he is now assured, by a large experience, that it is in accordance with the principles of science, and with the most universally acknowledged practice of *Artistic Surgery*, and he asserts with the confidence thus inspired, that it will permanently relieve all cases of reducible Hernia, without regard to the age of the patient or the duration of the injury, while it is wholly free from all the cruelty that has characterized the treatment of the malady from the earliest age to the present day. He, therefore, invites the earnest attention of the afflicted and the closest scrutiny of the profession.

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As there are several classes of rupture, each having its peculiar features, and as the condition and character varies from time to time by the neglect, bad treatment or the injurious effect of truss pressure, a personal attendance is necessary to have the adaptation suited to the anatomy of the parts involved. Terms for treatment depend upon the case as developed on examination.

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## ALMOST MIRACULOUS.

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The following remarks of Mr. M. M. Pomeroy, editor of the *La-Crosse Democrat*, should be carefully read and reflected upon :

ALMOST MIRACULOUS.—We seldom indorse a man in our editorial columns—never, unless convinced that he is deserving, and to speak well of him will result in benefit to the public. It is with this idea that we call attention to Dr. J. A. SHERMAN, No. 251 Broadway, New York, who is performing cures for Hernia, or Rupture, but little less than miraculous, and never before, to our knowledge, attempted or accomplished by any other surgeon. We have with our own eyes seen his cures, are acquainted with men he has brought to health from a living death, and do earnestly advise all who are afflicted to consult with or call upon him. The communication in this week's *Democrat* was handed in to us by Geo. Hodges, a man whose life was saved and health restored by Dr. Sherman, as he gave abundant proof, and to it we call attention, knowing those afflicted will thank us if they seek relief and comfort.—*La-Crosse Democrat*.

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The following is the statement of Mr. Hodges, alluded to in the above article :

"When a boy, about nine years of age, I became ruptured on both sides, and my parents, anxious for my welfare, sought the advice and aid of our family physician, who procured and adjusted to me a truss, which I wore for some time, under his supervision, without being benefited by it. My parents then sought elsewhere but to no purpose, for one truss after the other seemed to increase my trouble. When about fifteen years of age it was my good fortune to visit London, where I hoped to find a suitable truss for case, but there, too, I failed. I could obtain nothing I could wear that could retain it. The next opportunity I had was in this where I sought out the most celebrated *truss vendors*, among whom were the gentlemen to whom I shall hereafter allude, who, from a feeling of humanity, pride or profit, exhausted all their abilities in my behalf, without any success.

"I tried Dr. Rigg's Hard Rubber Truss, which was painful, without answering the purpose.

"I applied to Dr. Gregory, No. 609 Broadway, who seemed to be quite alarmed when I showed him my case, and declared it to be the

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worst rupture that he had seen since he had been in New York, for the past twelve years; and after vainly trying on several of his 'White's Patent Trusses,' he gave me up, saying my case was a hopeless one, and if I didn't find some relief it would put me under ground in less than a year; that he could do nothing for me; wouldn't undertake to, and that if anybody did, they would only take my money without doing me any good.

"I called on Dr. Pomeroy, No. 553 Broadway, who arranged and fitted on several of his patent trusses, with no better result. Notwithstanding he put on some with great pressure, they did not support my case, and he gave it up, remarking he did not think that I could find anything to do me any good; my rupture was so bad, he did not see how I had managed to live so long with it.

"After this my attention was directed to Dr. Marsh, of the Astor House, Vesey street, and I called to see him. He tried on various trusses, which proved a failure. He then decided that his \$40 radical cure truss would do, but he would have to prepare one. I left his office feeling rather dubious, yet withal I returned in a day or two after, and Dr. Marsh went to work at me again as though he meant this time to conquer; but he soon dropped his courage, and with it my case, for his radical cure truss, though adjusted, re-adjusted, and adjusted again and again, was a failure; it could not retain my rupture, although it was applied with painful force. Dr. Marsh, on giving up my case, remarked, 'You are in a critical condition; it's a wonder your rupture has not killed you long ago.' I was again compelled to leave his office doubly disappointed and dejected in spirits. Lamenting my sad fate, yet not abandoning my efforts, a medical gentleman on whom I called advised me to see Dr. Sheldon, No. 710 Broadway, and I did so. Dr. Sheldon, after looking at my case, fixed together and put on several of his patent trusses, all of which failed to hold. He then seemingly determined to govern my case, fixed up one with terrible pressure, which served a little better one way, but worse another, for it seemed as though it would cut me in two in an hour. I could not possibly endure it longer. Dr. Sheldon said it was the best he could do; my case was a very bad one.

"Receiving a circular of the Elastic Truss Company, No. 474 Broadway, which promised a good deal, I called there to see the Superintendent, Dr. Dike, who went at my case, strapping me unbearably tight, without helping my rupture at all.

"Having my attention called to a notice of Dr. E. B. Foote, Lexington Avenue, corner of Twenty-eighth street, I called to see him, but his attendant, finding my rupture so bad, would not undertake to do anything for it. This was, indeed, disheartening, and almost forced me to the conclusion that my life was inseparably linked with misery. But, as the sun looks brightest after the most terrific storm, so, after the most searching and unsuccessful trials for relief, the light of science burst upon me brightest through Dr. Sherman's illustrated circular, which casually fell into my hands; and yet, to have the assurance of its being a true light, after, as I may say, having endured a series of storms and gloomy forebodings, I determined to take the advice of Dr. Sayre, corner of Fifth avenue and Thirtieth street, who I heard was one of the most eminent surgeons of this city, before calling on Dr. Sherman, which I did, informing him at the same time of the failure of the persons heretofore alluded to. Dr. Sayre advised me by all

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means to go to Dr. Sherman and see what he could do, and to come back and let him see me after I got fixed.

"This encouraging advice from Dr. Sayre fanned into a flame the spark of hope kindled in me when I first looked over Dr. Sherman's circular, and I went to his office, 697 Broadway, with a step of buoyancy which I had not felt before for years. When I arrived I found several before me, but I waited my turn, and had my case examined. During the examination by Dr. Sherman I did not have the same feelings of dread and fear come upon me that I had when Dr. Marsh, Dr. Gregory and others examined me, which circumstance tended further to strengthen my faith in the opinion that I had at last fortunately found some one equal to the task of relieving me. Subsequent to the examination, Dr. Sherman gave a more favorable opinion than any of the other parties to whom I had applied, and expressed himself in such sanguine terms that I put myself in his hands, and am now, and have been since that day, a new man, capable of taking the most active exercise without any inconvenience whatever from my rupture. I am now, practically, a sound man, and expect soon to be in point of fact.

"As Dr. Sayre requested me to call and let him see what Dr. Sherman did for me, I stepped in at his office, after proving Dr. Sherman's method a few days, to let him know that I was doing well. He examined me, and was very much pleased, expressing his satisfaction in very strong terms of praise, adding, 'When I first saw your rupture I was afraid that you would not be able to find anything to do you any good.'

"The way that I have been treated since my rupture first appeared by the numerous persons who have attempted to relieve me, and in view of the relief that I have recently received from Dr. Sherman, forces me to the conclusion that it is not the incurability of rupture, but the bad treatment by injurious pressure the ruptured patient receives, which fastens to him this curse for life, or hurls him with the horrors of strangulated rupture to a premature grave.

"That the reader may more fully realize the horrible condition that I was in when I placed myself in the hands of Dr. Sherman, I would recommend him to see my photographs, taken by order of Dr. Sherman before and after treatment, which may be seen at his office.

"GEORGE HODGES,

"Thirtieth street, near Sixth avenue, New York."

As a proof of the correctness of the foregoing statement, we give the following extract from an affidavit of Mr. George Hodges, made to remove some doubts cast upon it by Dr. S. N. Marsh:

NEW YORK, September 21, 1868.

Having my attention called this morning to an article from Dr. S. N. Marsh, No. 3 Vesey street (Astor House), denying the correctness of a statement of mine, I feel it a duty I owe to the public to aver, under oath, that his denial of my making but one visit to him is false, and that all my remarks regarding him, and all the other gentlemen alluded to in that statement are strictly true.

GEORGE HODGES.

Sworn before me, this 21st day of September,

GEORGE E. JENKINS,

Notary Public, New York City.

For Photograph Likenesses, see Supplement, Pages Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4.

**MANUEL ACOSTA**, Esq., the subject of this extraordinary case of rupture, was a native of Cuba, about fifty-five years of age. He had been afflicted with hernia about nine years, produced from over-exertion after a spell of sickness. He says:

### EXTRACT FROM HIS STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATION,

Eleven Months after application, when Photograph Fig. 4 was taken.

"When I first observed it, it was a small tumor in the groin; it molested me during my business exercise, and after two or three weeks I became alarmed and consulted a physician, who informed me it was a slight hernia, and procured for me a truss. I was not much relieved, the truss hurt me, notwithstanding I wore it about a year. Complaining to a friend, he advised me to try another truss, which I did with as little satisfaction. By this time the rupture had increased and fallen into the sack, and the remedy and the disease seemed an equal bore. I began to realize my unpleasant situation, and did everything to improve it. One physician after another whom I consulted strapped on trusses, some tighter, some looser, some smaller, some larger, all of them excoriating my body more or less, and, from their inutility, adding to the torments of my mind. I now concluded to give up, when a friend of mine brought in a French physician, who gave me some hope by promising to order from Paris a truss which he felt confident would relieve me. After nearly three months of suspense, he brought it in and applied it. It proved as useless as the others. I was now in a terrible predicament—my rupture had become so large that it mortified me very much; yet I submitted to it with Christian fortitude.

In the month of February, 1864, I saw the advertisement of Dr. J. A. Sherman, from the United States, offering his services to ruptured persons. He published evidence of his experience, success, discoveries and inventions; I hoped again, but yet I feared my case had gone too far. However, after turning the subject over in my mind for two or three days, I took courage and concluded to see him, the result of which has been to me a new life—appears to me a Providential circumstance. Relief and cure of such a troublesome affliction, after so many unsuccessful efforts, seems incredible, yet such is the fact. I am relieved and, I believe, entirely cured; at all events, suffer no inconvenience from the use of the appliance, nor do I find any symptoms of rupture when I remove it at night. What a world of trouble would I have escaped had I been blessed with Dr. Sherman's curatives in the first stages of my affliction. It is really strange, when I look back and contemplate how many eminent physicians I consulted without benefit, and with what facility and promptness Dr. Sherman afforded me my heart's desire."

For Photograph Likenesses of Mr. Acosta. see Supplement, Pages 5, 6, 7 & 8.

Statement of F. GERTH, Esq.:

*To the N. Y. Staats Zeitung*: After having suffered many years from a bad rupture, and exhausting all my patience and large amounts of money on many doctors of this city, New York and Brooklyn, and suffering at their hands indescribable agony, I was compelled to abandon all hopes of finding any one competent to relieve me, when fortunately, a friend of mine took Dr. Sherman's advertisement out of your paper and inclosed it to me by letter. I showed it to my friends and several doctors, who ridiculed the idea of Dr. Sherman being able to do anything for me, basing their conclusions no doubt upon their own inability to assist me.

The last doctor I applied to in Brooklyn harnessed me up with a machine like the claws of a lobster, and sent me off with instructions not to remove it. But on my way home I was in terrible agony, and on reaching there was compelled to take my bed, and as the torment increased I was obliged, with assistance, to cut it off. If I had not done so I am sure I would have been killed in less than twenty-four hours, as inflammation was rapidly setting in.

Indeed, till I found Dr. Sherman, none of the doctors seemed to have the ability to perfectly reduce my rupture, and in most instances discouraged me by telling me nothing could be done for me, and thus one after the other gave me up as a hopeless subject doomed to incessant suffering.

But, thank Heaven for the thoughtfulness of my friend and for my persistent faith in encouraging me to call on Dr. Sherman, contrary to the advice of many of those physicians who had given me up, my joy is too great for me to express, for I feel like a man emerging from purgatory to Heaven since I placed myself in the hands of this gentleman, whom I am compelled to declare the doctor of doctors, who has fulfilled all his promises, while all the other doctors fulfilled none of theirs. Hence you will see why I thus highly appreciate his services, and feel it a duty to make this public declaration, that others affected with this disease may know where to obtain relief and avoid the delay and sufferings from experiments such as I, for long years, experienced. With all this suffering I expended a much larger sum of money than I paid Dr. Sherman for this great relief, and find his treatment, not only infinitely superior to others, but also more economical. I have just remarked to a gentleman to-day, that if any one should offer me \$1,000 in gold to discontinue Dr. Sherman's method, I would think it ridiculous, and refuse it like an idle puff of wind. I can now walk and ride with more comfort and pleasure in one hour than I experienced for the past five years, previous to obtaining this relief, and with as much facility and comfort as before this affliction came upon me.

My photographs were taken by Dr. Sherman, and may be seen at his office, or at my residence, which will give a more clear understanding of my case than even my description, and it will afford me a pleasure to show them to any person interested, and give them all the information, if they feel pleased to call upon me at my residence, No. 55 Market street, Newark, N. J.

F. GERTH.

NEWARK, September 19, 1868

For Photograph Copies of Mr. Gerth, see Supplement, Pages 9 & 10.

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Statement of THEODORE NIEDERHAUSEN, Esq.:

NEW YORK, November 9th, 1868.

I first found myself ruptured in Nassau, Germany, about 23 years since. The cause of the rupture I do not know; but it made its appearance very small, not larger than a pigeon's egg, when I first discovered it. For a long time I felt no inconvenience from it, consequently did not pay much attention to it, but finding it gradually getting worse, and becoming more or less weak, and at times suffering pain, I consulted Dr. Hoffindale, Boston, Mass., who directed me to Dr. Heaton. I consulted with him, and put myself under his care. Dr. Heaton performed the puncturing operation to excite inflammation, put on a truss, and after a few days pronounced me cured. But soon I discovered I was not cured—the parts were very much swollen, presenting symptoms both painful and frightful. Dr. Heaton then punctured me again, applied another truss, and kept me confined to my bed for several weeks, during which time inflammation was very great, and my sufferings aggravated and terrible. Dr. Heaton again, after this lapse of time, pronounced me cured, although there was considerable enlargement and irritation, which Dr. Heaton said was from the blood-vessels and not the rupture. He put on a truss and advised me to continue wearing it, which I did for three or four weeks, with great suffering and increased symptoms and enlargement. I was compelled to take it off and endure the mortification of finding my rupture double the size it was before I went under treatment. Casually, in the month of September of last year, seeing the announcement of Dr. J. A. Sherman in a paper that fell into my hands, I was favorably impressed after reading it, and exclaimed to myself—"Here is the man that can cure me!" and I called at his office, 697 Broadway, and after consultation and explanation of his theory of relief and cure, I became fully impressed with his ability, and decided upon adopting his method; but not at that time being prepared, I some days after called back again, and found Dr. Sherman had left for Cuba, consequently I had to wait until Dr. Sherman's return. Toward the latter part of May I had the application of the curatives made, from which time my case has been gradually improving, until now there is no appearance of the rupture, and I feel assured that I am completely sound—seeing or feeling nothing indicating rupture. My photographs were taken at the time I went under treatment, before and after application of the curatives, and again to-day without the appliances—by reference to which those interested can have ocular demonstration of this great cure.

With a knowledge, from sad experience, of the annoyance and danger attending every ruptured person, I make this simple statement of facts in their behalf, that they may avoid further suffering by resorting to the same means of relief and cure which enable me to boast to-day the enjoyment of a sound body.

During this cure, I have not been deprived, in any way, in diet or exercise, but have attended to my business with as much safety and facility as though I was not ruptured.

T. NIEDERHAUSEN.

For Photograph Copies of Mr. Niederhausen's Case, see Supplement, Pages 11, 12 & 13.

Statement of JOSE T. CHAMIZO, Esq., Santiago de Cuba:

20th MAY, 1867.

*To the Editor of the "Diario de Cuba."*

I beg of you to publish in your paper the following communication.

On the first visit of Dr. J. A. Sherman to this city in the year 1864, offering to the public his services and inventions for the radical cure of all forms of abdominal hernia, with the hope that he might relieve me from rupture, which I had from my earliest infancy, a period of more than 40 years, on both sides, and quite large, falling into the scrotum, and from which I feared the terror of strangulated rupture might, at any moment, overtake me and hurry me from this world, I hastened to consult with him.

But a short time previous to that, a distinguished citizen of this place died from that stage of the complaint, after the most horrible sufferings, notwithstanding he felt secure, from the fact of having used an ordinary truss for over thirty years.

After Dr. Sherman examined my case, he assured me that, by the application and use of his appliance and Curative Compound I would be entirely restored.

This extraordinary promise of cure I could hardly realize, yet it convinced me, together with the proofs that I had seen of his great success as a specialist in the treatment of this infirmity. Consequently I put myself in his hands, and from the moment he made his applications, I felt like another man and now enjoy the great satisfaction of feeling entirely cured.

During the time of cure I was enabled to ride on horseback, and pursue my occupations of boss builder, without any inconvenience, and with as much activity as though I were not Ruptured.

Many of my friends discouraged me and did all they could to disanimate me, to keep me from trying Dr. Sherman's Curative, adding that I was only throwing my money away. But, as I was the sufferer, I determined to try; and thank God that he gave me sufficient faith to carry out my resolution.

I feel it my duty to say to the public, principally to those who are troubled with the same dangerous and painful disease, "Resort to the same remedies, with the confidence of finding the same relief."

I feel happy in the enjoyment of a sound body, and would not be in the same condition as I was before I received the aid of Dr. Sherman, for all the money of the richest man of Cuba.

My photographs were taken by order of Dr. Sherman, before and after treatment, which illustrates my condition, and will enable the reader to realize the satisfaction which I feel in making this manifestation, and comprehend the great benefit which I have received for the balance of my life.

Any person wishing further information, and particulars concerning my case, may call or address me at my residence, Calle Baja de San Pedro No. 43 Santiago de Cuba.

JOSE. T. CHAMIZO.

For Photograph Copies of Mr. Chamizo, see Supplement, Pages 14 & 15.

## Rupture Radically Cured by Dr. J. A. SHERMAN'S METHOD.

THE editor of the *Tribune* says: The following communication, handed into us by Mr. McEvoy, a well-known citizen who has been in his present place of business for more than twenty years, we cheerfully give a place in our columns as interesting information to those who may be ruptured:

### *To the Editor of the Tribune:*

For the sake of humanity I beg of you to publish the following statement:

Some ten years since I became ruptured from heavy lifting, and called on Dr. Marsh, of the Astor House, who applied his 'Radical Cure Truss,' which he said then, and repeatedly since, would cure me; but notwithstanding the terrible suffering which I endured from the inflammation and excoriation caused by the hard pressure of his truss, my rupture increased. Recently, on learning from a friend that Mr. Henry Harman, 220 Washington Market, had been cured of a bad rupture, I called to see him. Mr. Harman informed me that he was now cured, that he had suffered many years from rupture, had used Marsh's and other trusses without being benefited, that he was cured by Dr. Sherman's applications, and advised me to go and try the same remedies. I took his advice, and the result is a satisfaction and benefit almost marvelous for the short period of five weeks, which I feel like communicating to any one ruptured; for only ruptured persons know of the sufferings from rupture. From the day that Dr. Sherman made his applications, I have felt like a new man.

Any person wishing further particulars, can see me at my place of business, 375 West Washington Market.

ARTHUR M'EVROY.

Having received the following communication from Dr. C. Jarvis, we publish it as another proof in favor of Dr. Sherman's method for the cure of rupture:

New YORK, Sept. 21, 1868.

### *To the Editor of the Tribune:*

Seeing in your journal a dispute of the relative merits of the Hernial Appliances of Dr. Sherman and the Trusses of Dr. Marsh, I wish to express my opinion from a practical knowledge of both. I used the Marsh Truss for a period of eight years, with a suffering and injury almost indescribable, and with a great increase of my rupture. I was continually chafed and worried—yes, tormented from the pressure on my abdomen and spine. So much for the Marsh Truss. Now as regards Dr. Sherman's Hernial Appliances and Rupture Curatives: I have found in them what I had been seeking after for fourteen years—comfort, security and cure. I was badly ruptured on both sides, and the improvement has been so rapid since I placed myself in Dr. Sherman's hands that it makes me the happiest and proudest man in the city; and as my imperative duty I make this statement for the benefit of suffering humanity.

CHARLES JARVIS, 18th st.,

South Brooklyn, between 4th and 5th avs.

New YORK, 26th Sept., 1868

Having seen a communication of mine to the *Tribune* in reference to the injury I received from the use of Marsh's Truss and the benefit I had received from Dr. Sherman's appliance and curative unfavorably reflected on by Dr. S. N. Marsh, of the Astor House, I feel it my duty toward the public, for the purpose of removing said impression, to make affidavit that the said communication is true in every particular.

CHARLES JARVIS.

Sworn to before me this 26th day of September, 1868.

FRANCIS D. E. PFUEHL, Notary Public,

Brooklyn, Kings Co., N. Y.

## THE GREAT JORDAN CASE.

(Communication to the  
New York Times.)

ST. CHARLES HOTEL,  
NEW YORK, 2d March, 1869. }

Believing the history of my sufferings and final restoration from a state of bondage may be of sufficient interest to publish for the benefit of your readers, some of whom, by perusing it, may be saved from a similar fate, I proceed to give it in detail:

Having been afflicted for the past twenty-four years with one of the most dreadful infirmities to which mankind is subject, and having failed, after the most assiduous and repeated efforts, to find relief in my part of the country, I made up my mind to visit this city as a last resort, believing, if there was any possibility of obtaining it, this would be the place.

For some days after my arrival I was greatly disappointed and vexed beyond description in my search for some one competent to treat my case. I consulted various doctors and truss dealers, being driven from one to the other with poor satisfaction and little hope of obtaining my object. Among them were

*Dr. J. A. Sherman, Dr. Willard Parker, Dr. Alexander B. Mott, Dr. E. B. Foot, Dr. S. N. Marsh, Dr. C. A. Gregory, Dr. E. H. Dixon, Dr. D. S. D. Sheldon,* and others.

Before I left home I heard of *Dr. Sherman*, and called at his office soon after my arrival; he was sanguine of affording me relief, but, as I thought him a little too high in his charges, I determined to try elsewhere.

On inquiry, *Dr. Parker* was recommended to me as one of the most distinguished and eminent surgeons of this city. Consequently I called on him at his office, No. 41 Twelfth street; he examined my rupture with much care, placed me upon a lounge and worked for a long time trying to reduce it. Not succeeding, he changed my position and made further efforts with no better result. He then placed a pillow under my back, and threw my legs up higher, tried again for a long time, but found it impossible to reduce the rupture. His assistants also declared it an awful case. After the lapse of several hours, *Dr. Parker* informed me that he could do nothing for my case; that all that could be done was to support it by a bag attached to a belt around my waist.

This, you must perceive, was but little consolation to me.

A friend of mine told me of *Dr. Mott*, (son of the late celebrated surgeon of this city,) who ranks among the first of the profession. I saw him the day after I had seen *Dr. Parker*, at his office, No. 56 Madison avenue. He looked at my rupture, felt the weight of it, and said no truss could be of any service to me. I told him that I had seen *Dr. Parker*, and he expressed the same opinion. *Dr. Mott* advised me to go to his hospital, and he would attend to my case himself. He then handed me the following order:

FEBRUARY 12, 1869

*Mr. Brennan, Warden Bellevue Hospital:*

DEAR SIR: Please admit the bearer, MICHAEL H. JORDAN, to Second Surgical Division as my private patient, for a few days only, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ALEX. B. MOTT, Visiting Surgeon.

I felt a little encouraged at this, but at the same time wishing to avoid the hospital if possible, I called to see *Dr. E. B. Foot*, of Lexington avenue, from

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whom I had received a circular some years ago. He, after examination, decided he could do nothing for me but sell me a bag which seemed to have more strings to it than a toad has toes.

Subsequently I was advised to go to *Dr. Marsh*, of the Astor House. He looked at my rupture; felt its weight with his hand; seemed surprised, and pronounced it a very bad case. He placed me on a lounge; made a careful examination, and tried for some time to get the rupture up—putting me in various positions—but his efforts, though painful, were of no avail, and he had to give it up; advising me to go home, lie down in bed, take castor oil, and afterward come back and he would try again.

I was dispirited, and feared my trip would be a loss of time and expense.

On my way back to my hotel, I saw the sign of *Dr. Gregory & White's Patent Lever Truss*. I went up into his office and asked *Dr. Gregory* if he could do anything for my rupture. He examined it carefully, and said, "Nol the walls of your abdomen are all broken—no truss can be made to keep it up. Leave it as it is."

Thus my researches indicated the hospital as my only alternative, to which place I went on the following day, fully determined to stand the severest test.

At the time of my admission to the hospital, *Dr. Mott* was making a surgical operation on one *GEORGE KING*. I approached *Dr. Mott* after he had got through with the operation. He seemed pleased to see me, and asked me to get up on a chair, at the same time requesting the students and visitors to retake their seats. There were about three hundred doctors, students and others present. He then requested me to strip off my clothing, that they all might see my rupture.

*Dr. Mott* said to those present that mine was an extraordinary case of rupture; he was not going to operate on it; he had examined it at his office the day before and found it irreducible.

*Dr. Mott* gave quite a dissertation on rupture, taking mine as an illustration of one of tremendous size. When he had finished he told me that I would have to remain in the hospital a few days.

After various consultations and considerations, the house-surgeon, *Dr. Tunstall*, at *Dr. Mott's* suggestion, got a bag made of cloth and sewed to my body, with a view of supporting the weight.

*Dr. Mott* and *Dr. Tunstall* finally told me that was all that could be done and gave me my discharge on Tuesday of the following week. Though not successful in my case, their kindness must ever remain fresh in my memory.

With a heavy step and sorrowful heart I went back to my hotel. The bandage put on me at the hospital was so tight, and gave so much pain, I had to cut it off the same night.

A friend of mine, who could not believe but something could be done, insisted upon my going to *Dr. Marsh* again with him. I did so. My friend, to inspire *Dr. Marsh* with courage told him the price was no object if he could only relieve me. *Dr. Marsh* looked and remarked: "The rupture is larger than when I saw it before," and inquired if I had taken the oil. On being informed that I had, and also been to the Bellevue Hospital, and that nothing could be done for me there but put on a bag, replied that he could do nothing unless I would go back to the hospital again for three or four days and have it worked up under the influence of ether; that it was an extreme case and required an extreme remedy; that I must expect to suffer in order to have it put up. I told *Dr. Marsh* that,

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eleven years ago, I applied to *Dr. Hamilton*, of Buffalo, who, after examination, said the only remedy was an operation, and that was dangerous. I asked him if he would insure my life. He replied, "No, not for twenty thousand dollars!"

This candid expression of *Dr. Hamilton* decided me not to submit to an operation.

*Dr. Marsh*, exhibiting little faith in his ability to do anything, and holding out no encouragement, my friend decided to have me go up to *Dr. Dixon*, on Fifth Avenue.

On going up Broadway for that purpose, as we passed *Dr. Gregory's*, my friend suggested we see him again. We stepped into his office, and found him absent, but encountered there, in attendance, a little old gentleman, whose name was given as *Mr. Hildreth*, a former partner, who anxiously examined my case, and emphatically pronounced it a hopeless one, declaring that everything was broken away, the rings destroyed, the life and vitality of the parts gone, and the best thing I could do was to make my peace with God, as I was liable to die from it at any time; that even if the rupture could be put up no truss could hold it in its place, and there would be still more liability to strangulation. He also advised, as the only remedy, a bag to support it. As I told my friend that the opinion of *Mr. Hildreth* was in accordance with the one expressed by *Dr. Gregory*, when I saw him a few days before, he thought we had better go on and see *Dr. Dixon*.

We had the good luck, on reaching the office of *Dr. Dixon*, to find him disengaged. He took some interest in looking at my rupture, weighed it in his hand, said it was a very bad one, he could do nothing for it, it was out of his line to treat such cases, and suggested my seeing *Dr. Marsh*. On being informed that I had already been to him twice last week and this; and that he could not reduce it or do anything for it, *Dr. Dixon* exclaimed, "Now this surprises me and opens a new train of thought in my mind. Marsh is getting old; old, and, probably, timid!" *Dr. Dixon* considered the case dangerous and liable to strangulation—thought probably three or four days in the hospital, purgatives, diet and rest might do much toward assisting in its reduction.

After leaving the office of *Dr. Dixon*, my friend remarked: "Jordan, I don't see any chance for you. I thought *Mr. Dixon* could master any case, but you see how persistent he was in shirking you off."

As we passed down Broadway toward the St. Charles Hotel, the sign of *Dr. Sheldon* arrested our attention, and we entered his office to see if he could do anything. He examined my rupture carefully, weighed it in his hand, inquired how long I had it, and how I got it; put a light to one side and looked from the other; measured it in circumference and length; inquired my age, residence and occupation—the particulars of which he put down in his book. He placed me in a lying posture and tried to put it up; worked at it some time, but found it painful and liable to injury from so many repeated attempts to reduce it, and finally advised me to be quiet and eat light food. He considered it such an extraordinary case that he called in a female physician to look at it, who seemed shocked at my horrible condition, remarking, "I have seen very bad cases at the Bellevue Hospital, but never anything like this."

While in conversation last week with *Mr. Horace Greeley*, editor of the *Tribune*, who was cognizant of the enormity of my rupture and the unsuccessful efforts which I

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had made to obtain relief, I was advised by him to go back again to *Dr. Sherman* with his compliments, and tell him to do the best he could for me.

This favor from *Mr. Greeley* was of great service to me, as it induced such consideration on the part of *Dr. Sherman* as to place his assistance and curatives within my reach.

*Dr. Sherman* at once inspired confidence in me by his apparent familiarity with such cases, while *Drs. Marsh, Gregory, Foot* and *Sheldon* seemed surprised and confused as they in turn declared their inability to do anything for me.

The more *Dr. Sherman* descanted upon my case, hope kindled brighter, and when he succeeded, after applying medicaments, in completely reducing my rupture, a thrill of joy went through my heart, and I feel to this moment a new life, a something which I cannot express.

I am grateful for the sympathy *Drs. Parker, Dixon, Mott* and the Surgeons of the Bellevue Hospital had for me, as well as a thousand times thankful for the good word *Mr. Greeley* spoke in my behalf. The last time I saw him he was amazed with my improved condition, and congratulated me most heartily, exclaiming, in his natural philanthropic manner: "I am glad to see it, and hope you will take care of yourself now."

On Friday last, when in the *Tribune* Office, the various employees, knowing the fearful condition of my rupture previously, were surprised to see me looking so smart and lively, and invited me in the back office to let them see, when they all evinced both surprise and joy at my natural condition, and, as it were, the magic disappearance of the source of my suffering.

Just then *Mr. JENNY*, one of the proprietors of the *Tribune*, happened in. Some time previous he told me that if I succeeded in getting my rupture put up and kept in place, it would be a wonderful thing. The wonder was accomplished, it was apparent; he looked with unbounded admiration as he witnessed the comfort and dexterity of movement this treatment so readily afforded me.

Thus one after another seemed to partake of the happiness of my heart as though it was contagious.

*Dr. Mott* saw me, after being treated by *Dr. Sherman*, was much pleased, inquired who did it, said it was well done, and remarked, perhaps *Dr. Tunstall* might like to show it to the students.

With the recollection of the interest and kindness of *Dr. Tunstall* and the others in the hospital, I stopped in there, and my changed condition afforded them all the liveliest satisfaction. *Dr. Tunstall* inquired who fixed me, and made a critical examination, expressing his opinion of it as a complete success.

On Saturday evening last, *Dr. Dixon*, learning I had been successful in obtaining relief in my case, requested to see it; he made a close examination, was on his tip-toes with delight, exclaiming in allusion to the appliance of *Dr. Sherman*: "It is excellent—it is the best thing I have ever seen—I have never seen anything before made like it—it is a devilish ingenious contrivance. I would like to have *Dr. Marsh* see it, but everybody is jealous, and I suppose *Marsh* would be—they all seem to be jealous but me. I am open and candid, and give everyone credit for what they deserve."

This morning, *Dr. Willard Parker*, his son, and *Dr. Bissell*, were really delighted to see that *Dr. Sherman* had so well and successfully treated my rupture.

*Dr. Parker* tested the adaptability of the appliance, its capacity for support and security, its immobility, its comfort and advantages over any truss, remarking: "It is very well done, it could not be better; you are all right; you can now go home with perfect safety," and with a hearty shake of the hand and a glow of pleasure and satis-

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faction beaming in his countenance, said: "I am glad to see you have been so successful; take care of yourself. Now there is no danger."

Fearing that I am trespassing too much upon your patience I will, after relating so concisely all the incidents connected with my search for relief in this city, conclude by admonishing the afflicted not to procrastinate; secure the best assistance and remedy, get rid of the infirmity, profit by my experience, avert the suffering which I have undergone the greater part of the past twenty-four years, bearing in mind that, at the age of thirty-seven years, my rupture was less in size than a pigeon's egg, that I am now over sixty, and that once I felt as unconcerned and indifferent as many others do; that just as they are doing who are not in use of *Dr. Sherman's* Specifics, I did; used trusses, but from the bad pressure of one and the other, stealthily and by degrees my rupture became unmanageable and enlarged until mortification and suffering had no bounds; that I was ashamed in the company of ladies; that time and again, during the past fifteen years, I have had to lay down for hours in the field; that, of late, those accidents became more frequent, and made me dread the idea of going from home alone; that my business was, of necessity, neglected; that had I known of *Dr. Sherman's* remedies sooner I would have saved a world of suffering, and that the pains of death shook my frame the week before I left home with a most frightful attack of strangulated rupture, a warning which I had frequently felt but could no longer disregard.

That those who may be interested might more fully realize the sad condition in which I was in, I consented to have my photographs taken, in full dress and otherwise, before and after treatment, which may be seen at the office of *Dr. Sherman's*, No. 697 Broadway.

Mr. GEORGE S. LELAND, proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel, Broadway, near Bleecker street, where I am stopping, has some knowledge of my affliction and restoration, and appears as much gratified as an old friend could be.

Any one desiring further particulars can see me, for a few days, at the above hotel.

M. H. JORDAN.

For Photograph Likenesses, see Supplement, Pages 16, 17, 18 & 19.

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## Experience of a Physician.

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PINCKNEYVILLE, ALA., May 24th, 1872.

DR. SHERMAN:

Dear Sir:—I am ruptured on both sides, and wish to know whether you can instruct me so that I can order and apply your Appliance. I am fifty years old, have been ruptured for ten years. I am engaged in the practice of medicine in the country, and have a heavy practice, which has to be done on horseback in a mountainous country. I am not able to visit New York to get the benefit of your services, and unless I can find some relief I shall be compelled to abandon my profession, the only means of supporting a large family. I have tried almost every variety of truss, and am growing worse all the time. The one I am now using fails to keep back the bowels effectually, and gives me much pain. Please give me the information, mode of measurement, &c., &c.

M. G. SLAUGHTER, M. D.

## Statement of Mr. Corlew.

I was badly afflicted with rupture for several years, and suffered from it a great deal in the pursuit of my business as carpenter. My attention was first called to it seriously when lifting heavy beams—it gradually augmented, admonishing me of danger. At times, when I allowed my mind to dwell upon it, I became melancholy, believing from what I had heard there was no cure for it. While in this lamentable condition, mortified with the necessity of using trusses the balance of my life, casually, I might say *providentially*, my attention was directed to Dr. SHERMAN's card in the *New York Weekly*. I perused it with considerable interest, and, becoming animated with the hope of cure, went to New York to see him. After making a careful examination of my case, he assured me, in the most sanguine terms, that I could be entirely restored by the application of his curatives. This encouraged me, and I resolved to make a trial, the result of which has been the most satisfactory to me and astonishing to my friends; in a word, no less than a radical cure, and that too without inconvenience or hindrance in my active pursuit of business.

Recently I visited Europe, where I met with several suffering from rupture and the use of trusses, who were surprised that I had found a cure in this country, having no idea that there was a cure except by an operation which is well known to be, under the most favorable circumstances, extremely hazardous. In two instances, coming under my observation there, I saw two cases of inflamed or strangulated rupture. The Surgeon was summoned; the operation performed with the sad result of sending their victims, in the short period of a week, to eternity. Witnessing such things there, in a country claiming to be signally advanced above this in the sciences, left the conviction deeply impressed upon my mind that it was not the oldest and most egotistical community that could claim the honor of discovering the most practical means of cure for this tenacious, prevalent, and most deplorable affliction.

That I am radically cured I have not only the conviction from my experiments, without the use of the appliance and Dr. SHERMAN's opinion, but I also enjoy the consolation and satisfaction of confirmatory certificates from the most eminent Surgeons of this city.

The frightful proportions that my rupture was assuming may be more fully realized by seeing my photographs, taken by Dr. SHERMAN's request before, during, and after treatment.

I can now, from my experience, do no less, in justice to the dictates of humanity, than recommend those suffering from this dire calamity, not to rest content until they obtain the same remedies.

JAMES CORLEW.

Newburgh, N. Y., April, 1869.

For Photograph Likenesses of Mr. Corlew, see Supplement, Pages 20, 21 & 22.

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New York Apr 10. 1869

This certifies that I  
have examined Mr  
James ~~Corlew~~  
Corlew and find  
that he now has no  
Hernia or Rupture.  
If he ever had a  
Hernia - he is now  
cured of it.

Wilford Parker M.D.  
41. East. 12<sup>th</sup> St

NEW YORK, April 9th, 1869.

This is to certify that I have examined Mr. James Corlew, who was afflicted with a large Scrotal Rupture, and that I have found him radically cured by Dr. Sherman's method of treatment. The parts are substantially restored, and in my opinion, no rupture can occur again in his right side.

J. D. L. ZENDER, M. D.

Minister of the Gospel, Publisher, &c., &c., Member of several Medical and Scientific Societies, and especially of the Philadelphia University of Physicians and Surgeons.

*Extract from Dr. MOTT's Certificate.*

56 MADISON AV., NEW YORK, April 10th, 1869.

I have examined Mr. James Corlew, who, from his description, I conclude has been ruptured, and has worn a truss for about six months. The bowel does not protrude. ALEX. B. MOTT, M. D.

This is to certify that I have,  
 this morning, examined James  
 Carlew, in reference to the ~~history~~ <sup>existence</sup>  
 of a rupture on his right side.  
 The parts where the rupture  
 has previously existed seem  
 now to be closed or blocked  
 up sufficiently to induce  
 me to give an opinion, that  
 at the present time, the Rupture  
 may be considered as Cured.

L. M. Carmochan M.D.  
 Surgeon-in-chief to the  
 State Hospital &c

New York  
 142 16<sup>th</sup> St.  
 April 10<sup>th</sup> 1889

## Statement of Mr. Gainsforth.

I suffered from Rupture on the left side for a period of more than thirty years, without being able to find any relief, notwithstanding I tried trusses in Europe and in this country. My efforts proved so futile that I had given up all hope of obtaining a cure. My Rupture had become quite large, and at times quite painful; indeed, it was a constant source of mental anxiety. Casually hearing of Dr. SHERMAN's success in curing Rupture with the use of his Remedies, I availed myself of the opportunity of consulting him, which resulted in my determination to try his method.

After he had made the application I was much relieved, and enabled to ride, walk, and attend to my business, without the anxiety of mind that had always annoyed me. In this way I continued until I found my Rupture entirely cured.

Being convinced of the permanency of my cure, with my knowledge of the dangers and sufferings from Rupture, I confidently recommend the afflicted to confide in Dr. SHERMAN's ability and remedies for the same result.

ROBERT GAINSFORTH,  
243 East 20th Street.

NEW YORK, October 3, 1870.

For Photograph Copies of Mr. Gainsforth, see Supplement, Pages 23, 24 & 25.

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## Translation of the Statement of Mr. Gomez.

My servant Antonio was badly ruptured for twenty-five years. He was provided with trusses until his rupture became so bad that he could not bear them. My attention was called to Dr. SHERMAN's Remedies for the cure of this affection. In June, 1866, I took him to his office, and, after consultation, had the application made. The boy immediately felt relieved, and improved in a short time—so much so as to become as useful as any man on my plantation.

After Eleven Months my country doctor pronounced him cured. Subsequently Dr. SHERMAN examined him and gave the same opinion, and on the same day took his picture, which, with the others, before and during treatment, he has at his office. I make this statement to assure those afflicted of the efficiency of Dr. SHERMAN's Remedies, so that they may try them, with great faith of being cured.

(Signed.)

M. GOMEZ.

CUBA, November 9th, 1867.

For Photograph Copies of Antonio, see Supplement, Pages 26, 27 & 28.

## Statement of Mr. J. W. Ayers.

Were it not for the sake of humanity, I would most assuredly hold my peace on the subject of rupture, but knowing, from sad experience, the annoyance, danger and mental anxiety attending it, I feel it my imperative duty to add my testimony in favor of the efficacy of Dr. Sherman's method of cure.

I became ruptured in the army, and though my rupture was small, I was often warned with symptoms of strangulation. Now I rejoice, the trouble is past, for I am cured, radically cured. I aver this, having proved the cure to my entire satisfaction.

What a change! cured since March last, and that too after suffering from my rupture of several years. Happy reality, not exceeded by an instant leap from misery to joy unbounded.

Throwing all delicacy aside, when I was assured that I could be restored, I had Dr. Sherman take my photographs, before and after application, and recently since my cure. These may be seen at his office. Their contrast will enable those interested to realize the facts touching my affliction and restoration.

The appliance worn in my case is dispensed with, and also may be seen at Dr. SHERMAN'S Office.

Being Baggage Master on the Camden and Amboy Railroad, I have always taken active and athletic exercise, from which I experienced no inconvenience in the use of Dr. Sherman's curatives; on the contrary, from the first week, I felt capable of moving with the agility of a sound man.

When I think how many die from inflammation and strangulation, brought on by the bad pressure of Trusses, that the noble and astute statesman, Hon. Daniel S. Dickinson died from this cause, I feel a thrill of joy inexpressible at having escaped that dilemma uninjured. Yes, I feel zealous in urging the afflicted to abandon Trusses, and employ the remedies which experience affirms will make them whole.

J. W. AYERS, Camden, N. J.

Mr. John W. Ayers is now conductor on the Pennsylvania R. R., is a gentleman of high standing and much esteemed by all who know him; is the son of Ex-Mayor Ayers of Camden, N. J.; was treated in 1869 and cured in 1870, and is as sound since the cure as though he had never been ruptured. His father is equally jubilant of his son's fortunate restoration.

## EVIDENCE OF THE PERMANENCY OF CURE,

As illustrated and confirmed by the case of Senator STELL.

His letter of 1851 gives evidence of a cure of rupture with which he was afflicted nearly 33 years, and his letter of 1868 confirms the permanency of that cure, and also the cure of a rupture which occurred on the opposite side in 1857:

VERNON, La., March 18, 1851.

DR. J. A. SHERMAN: Dear Sir: About the 18th of November last, I left this place, destined for New Orleans, for the purpose of obtaining your patent Hernial Appliance and Curative Compound.

After conversing with you on the nature of my case, I had the application made. At this time, I did not entertain any hope of ever being cured of my infirmity, from the fact that it had been upon me from my earliest infancy, or at least, I have no recollection of its origin.

My principal reason for getting your Appliance was that I had tried many trusses, which were all so severe that I could not bear them; besides, they could not be kept to the proper place.

But your Appliance has worked like a charm, and is and has been after the first day or two as easy as could be desired, and now, strange and unexpected as it is to me, I am finally cured.

I feel so different that I can scarce describe my feelings. Instead of pain and inconvenience, I am free from pain, and am not always alarmed about my condition.

Yours, etc.,

J. W. STELL.

STEVENS HOUSE, NEW YORK, 10th July, 1868.

DR. J. A. SHERMAN: Dear Sir: My attention having been called to a letter from me to you, dated Vernon, La., March 18, 1851, I have this further to say: that I have not worn the appliance alluded to since, being fully cured. About 1857 I became ruptured on the other side, applied to you, obtained the same remedies and was soon cured of it also.

My address is now Gonzales, Texas, and it will afford me pleasure at all times to bring your valuable remedies to the attention of the public, believing it my duty so to do.

Yours, etc.,

J. W. STELL.

Senator Stell being in the city of New York, as a member of the Democratic Convention, in July last, visited the office of Dr. Sherman, in company with the editor of the *Houston Telegraph*, who, in his correspondence to his paper, made the following remarks:

"The other day, in company with Senator J. W. Stell, of Gonzales, Texas, we visited the celebrated Dr. J. A. Sherman, No. 697 Broadway, who is said by those whom he has treated, to excel all doctors in the

world in the cure of rupture. Senator Stell gave him a certificate of his own cure, for the benefit of others suffering from hernia or rupture. We take pleasure in stating that the senator gives Dr. Sherman the credit of curing hopeless cases—one of them his own. We found Dr. Sherman an amiable, pleasant gentleman, and take pleasure in recommending him to our friends.”

## STATEMENT OF MR. A. GALLATIN,

OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND,

Subject of an extraordinary case of Double Rupture.

NEW YORK, 5th Jan., 1869.

Dr. J. A. SHERMAN: Dear Sir: It is with pleasure unbounded that I attempt in this manner to express my feelings of satisfaction for what you have done toward relieving me from the sufferings which I have through all my life undergone from the affliction of a double Rupture.

I shall never forget the first impression made upon my mind on reading your advertisement, as it partly removed the conclusion to which I had been driven by my unsuccessful attempts to find relief.

I had left nothing undone, as I thought. I had employed the best skill the country afforded, but all to no purpose. I obtained from Dr. Heaton, of Boston, a truss which he said was the best he could suit to my case; it was painful and unsuccessful, like all the others, and I was doubly crippled, crippled by the Rupture and by the truss worn for its support; vainly worn, as my right side increased to an enormous size.

Casually a friend of mine introduced me to-day to a Mr. Adams, from Dyberry, Wayne Co., Pa., whom you had cured of a Rupture of many years standing; on learning my business here he was wild with delight of your success in his case, and praise of your method of cure.

I am not only gratified with his praise of your skill in this useful art, the comfort and security which I have derived from your method, the little inconvenience attending it and my own experience, but I am also pleased to inform you that the first surgical and medical practitioners of this city, with whom I have consulted, feel equally pleased with your appliance, and the good result from its use.

What a blessing your assistance is to me no one can imagine, neither can I find words expressive of the feelings of my own heart. Would that I had the power and ability to go about over the whole land, and let those suffering from Rupture know of the good tidings from my lips. Many read, but like Thomas, foolishly doubt, and their doubts keep them in misery and wretchedness, when, without them, they might enjoy the glories of life. I shall always take great pleasure when it comes within my province to make known

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the efficiency of your treatment of Rupture, fully impressed that I shall be doing my duty.

Wishing you a long and prosperous life.

I remain, Dear Sir, respectfully, A. GALLATIN.

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Mr. J. V. Neal's Statement of his Cure.

*To the Editor of the Sun:—*

Having been repeatedly told that there was no cure for rupture I wish to state, for the benefit of others afflicted, that I was ruptured for more than twelve years, and that over one year since I applied to Dr. J. A. Sherman, of New York, and procured his remedies, since which time I became relieved and permanently cured. I am engaged in the business of chair manufacturing and have experienced no inconvenience during Dr. Sherman's treatment.

Before applying to Dr. S. I found much injury and a great deal of suffering from the use of trusses.

It is now with much pleasure that I give my testimony in favor of Dr. Sherman's System of Cure, in the hope that it may be the means of saving much suffering and anxiety of mind to some one who may seek the relief which I have obtained.

J. V. NEAL.

Phonecia, Ulster Co., August 20, 1875.

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*What the Editor of the Sunday Democrat of New York says in his paper, January 7, 1877.*

ROBERT WHITE'S SON, AND HOW HE WAS SAVED.

Dr. Sherman has devoted no ordinary talents to the special study of rupture, and with the very best results. His long and successful practice, simplicity of application, have cured many of the young and aged. No case, if properly and timely attended to, is beyond remedy. In respect and honor to this gentleman we are glad to cite a case of our own immediate knowledge. Edward White, aged nine years (son of Robert White, publisher of this journal), when about a year and a half old got a fall which badly ruptured the child for about five years. Many remedies and much money were spent in efforts to cure the afflicted boy without effect. About a year ago the boy was brought to Dr. Sherman, under whose treatment he has been completely cured and is now active and healthy. Dr. Sherman is a philanthropist, and also makes his charges to come within the means of all classes of people.

Gibbs Soap Manufacturing Co.,  
Office, No. 163 W. Washington St.,  
CHICAGO, May 2d, 1872. }

Dear Sir:—It has been almost one month (lacking two days) since I commenced the use of your Hernial Appliance and Curative Compound, and can truly say the result is all I could wish.

Respectfully

H. C. SARGENT.

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CHICAGO, July, 24th, 1872.

Dear Sir:—It has been nearly four months since I commenced the use of your Hernial Appliance and Curative Compound, and I have never seen a sign of rupture since its first application. At the outstart you said it would be necessary for me to continue the use of them for at least six months. This being the case, I shall need another bottle of the Compound, as the one you sent me last is nearly used up. I think one more bottle will be all my case will require.

I have followed your directions to the letter, and am quite sure that I am already cured, but will keep on using the remedies two months longer, as per directions on the start.

Respectfully and truly,

H. C. SARGENT.

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*Deaths resulting from a Disregard or Inattention to Ruptures.*

It is a lamentable fact that throughout the world thousands of cases of Strangulated Rupture terminate fatally every year; infants, middle-aged, and aged alike fall victims to its terrors. Nor is it surprising when we look at the delicate nature of rupture, its extreme susceptibility to injury, and consider the fact, that it is grossly neglected, under the almost universal impression that it is, in itself, comparatively harmless. Again, when a person is prompted by foresight, or the advice of a physician, to exercise precaution, he is almost invariably deceived in the means; for it is a remarkable fact that nearly all the trusses, both in Europe and America, that are so profusely exposed for sale, are calculated to aggravate the complaint and render it a life-torture, while continually jeopardizing the unfortunate wearer's existence. What a shame that men will tamper so lightly with the lives of their fellow creatures, in vending such worthless contrivances!

Truly the following extract from Dr. Wm. Anderson's Lecture is

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no exaggeration :—"Hernia preys upon the mind, and unsettles its unfortunate victim more than any other infirmity which falls, as a curse, upon the degenerate sons of Adam."

*Extracts from the Works of SIR ASTLEY COOPER, the eminent Surgeon.*

CASE I. A man brought into St. Thomas' Hospital, who had fallen from a ladder, struck a piece of wood and bruised his rupture; he complained of violent pain, and died in four hours.

CASE II. A middle-aged man, who had been afflicted with Hernia for many years, was injured by a violent push; within an hour after he was injured I saw him; his countenance was that of a dying man. But nothing that we could devise had the effect, during the three days that he survived, of alleviating, in any degree, his torture.

CASE III. Mr. Gibbon died from a neglect of his rupture. When we reflect upon the talents and foresight of that great historian we are forced to the conclusion, that there is something in the disease stupefies the mind.

CASE IV. A man was brought into the Hospital with a Strangulated Hernia, was operated upon, suffered intense pain, and shortly after died in great agony.

CASE V. A man about fifty years of age had been subject, for many years, to a Rupture, which could be returned without difficulty. Constipation took place on the 24th of January; it could not be removed, and he was brought to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Strong cathartics having failed in procuring any relief, an operation was performed on the seventh day from the strangulation. It proved fatal. The patient died on the following evening.

CASE VI. A person was taken into St. Thomas' Hospital for a Strangulated Inguinal Hernia. The attempts made to reduce it were unsuccessful, and an operation was performed on the day of his admission. All efforts to give him relief failed, and on the eleventh day he sank in the arms of death.

CASE VII. A man, twenty years of age, was admitted into St. Thomas' Hospital, for a Strangulated Omental Hernia. Upon performing an operation, the quantity of omentum was found to be so large, that there was no possibility of its being returned; and, for the purpose of its removal, a ligature was applied around it. He experienced no relief from the operation, and died on the seventh day from that on which it had been performed.

CASE VIII. Mrs. Rice, who had Strangulated Femoral Hernia, was operated upon, and the symptoms of strangulation were relieved; but on the third day after the operation the patient was seized with vomiting of feculent matter, which continued for several days, when she sank from exhaustion.

CASE IX. Richard Bygrave died from Incarcerated Congenital Hernia, of sixteen hours' strangulation.

CASE X. A person by the name of Ashley, aged fifty years, had a hernia which became strangulated, and which resisted every attempt to reduce it. An operation was performed in the most satisfactory manner. By the eighth day after the operation, the wound was healed, excepting at one small spot; but, upon the morning of that day, he complained of stiffness and soreness about the neck, with a difficulty in swallowing, and the jaw became soon completely locked. Opium and the cold bath were tried with some slight temporary abatement of the symptoms, but without any permanent advantage, and the man soon fell a victim to the disease.

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*An Extraordinary Case of Thirty-five Years Standing.*

This is to certify that I have been for thirty-five years very badly ruptured, and could find no truss that would relieve me. I suffered everything from it but death. Often had it strangulated. My physician twice gave me up as hopeless. I ceased doing anything more for it, daily expecting it would be the immediate cause of my death. But, thank Heaven, business called me to New Orleans, where I became acquainted with a person who informed me that he had been ruptured, and was now radically cured by the use of Sherman's Rupture Cure Method. To gratify him, I called on Dr. Sherman, having no hope myself of being relieved. To give the reader an idea of my rupture, I will state that it was seventeen inches in circumference, and hung nearly to my knee, and had not been returned for many years. I could scarcely walk. Dr. Sherman examined me, and said he could return my rupture and make me secure and comfortable. I still doubted, but I am happy now to say, in vain. His applications were made, and since that time my rupture has not shown itself. I am, as it were, a new man. All my sufferings have resulted from badly constructed trusses, a fact I was not convinced of until Dr. Sherman stated to me the nature of ruptures, and the cause of their continuance and enlargement. I have now, to the joy of my declining years, found him master of that important branch of surgery, and hope others will take advantage of his skill and experience.

December, 1850.

WM. DUNCAN,  
Mouth of Black River, La.

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Buffalo, August 9th, 1869.

DR. J. A. SHERMAN:

Dear Sir:—I feel proud to inform you that your assistance and curatives have entirely restored me. Since last winter, at the time I visited you at your office, I have had no inconvenience or suffering from my rupture; but from that time to the present experienced a relief and satisfaction beyond all price. Indeed, I have felt a new

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life. I know there are many suffering from rupture, who would lose no time calling upon you could they anticipate realizing the great benefit which has resulted to me from your method of treating this sad affliction.

I am overjoyed in being able to boast of my cure, as well as to be free of the necessity of using trusses, from which I suffered, off and on, beyond description. I can, in sincerity and good feeling, urge upon the afflicted to rely upon your assistance and remedies for a like good result.

You may publish this as an evidence of the efficiency of your method, as there are many persons doubtful of there being any cure for this infirmity. I remain, yours respectfully,

WM. CLINGEN, Contractor,  
19 Seneca St., "Tremont House."

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LETTER from Dr. W. T. MILLS to the Editor of the *Vicksburg Daily Sun*.

*Hernia can be cured without the use of Knife or Needle.*

Mr. Editor:—I deem it due to those afflicted with this terrible and painful disease, to make the following statement: A negro boy about nineteen years of age, had been afflicted with the Hernia for the space of three years. The boy belonged to John Coalter, Esq., of Issaquena County. Two physicians examined him and pronounced his case hopeless. As there was a difference of opinion about the mode of treatment, (one suggesting the use of the knife, to which the other and myself objected,) I took him to New Orleans, and obtained Dr. J. A. Sherman's Method, and after having continued his treatment several months, the boy was entirely restored to his health and is now perfectly well. For the last three years he has been busy on the plantation, doing all the work of a field hand, rolling logs, &c., without the least inconvenience. I give this statement voluntarily, for the benefit of those who have this infirmity and for my gratitude to Dr. Sherman.

W. T. MILLS, M. D.

Vicksburgh, May 8th, 1860.

I certify that the boy mentioned in the foregoing card of Dr. Mills belonged to me, and I also know the facts he states to be true.

JOHN COALTER.

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LETTER from THOS. J. HARPER, M. D., one of the most distinguished Members of the Medical Faculty in the State of Mississippi.

Vicksburgh, Miss., May 7th, 1860.

Dear Sir:—I send you my son, Joseph W., for treatment. He has only been ruptured a short time. We can obtain at every Drug Store, Trusses. In them, however, I have but little confidence. But having confidence in your skill and tact in such mat-

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ters, I send my son to you. Please apply your Method to his case, and oblige yours, &c.,

TH. J. HARPER.

To DR. SHERMAN, New Orleans.

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EXTRACT OF A LETTER from Dr. MILLS referring to the boy mentioned in the letter to the Editor of the *Vicksburgh Daily Sun*.

Issaquena City, Mississippi, May 2d, 1857.

DR. SHERMAN, New Orleans.

Dear Sir:—"The boy George is perfectly *cured*, he is one of the finest looking men I know on Deer Creek, and can do as much work as any man."

W. T. MILLS, M. D.

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EXTRACT OF A LETTER from DR. BELDEN to S. DAVIS.

New Orleans, January 6th, 1859.

SAMUEL DAVIS, Esq.,

Dear Sir:—It is true that Dr. Sherman's Appliance will give relief more effectually than any other. I have seen it tried to my entire satisfaction. I know of several cured by the use of his Method. I recommend you to consult him.

R. BELDEN, M. D.

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Letter from the Rev. HENRY P. CLINE.

Oppenheim Centre, New York.

DR. J. A. SHERMAN, No. 697 Broadway, New York:

Dear Sir:—I have no trouble from rupture whatever for some time, for the kind Lord has answered our prayers thus far.

I received your pamphlet; if you wish me to help circulate them, then please forward some, so that I can put them up with tracts and religious papers, which we are circulating by mail, to benefit both soul and body of poor, erring, sinful creatures.

Your well-wisher and friend in Christ,

HENRY P. CLINE.

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Rev. J. V. HIMES, Editor of the *Advent Christian Times*, Jan. 3 1870, writes to his paper as follows:

"At 12 M., I had an interview with the celebrated Dr. Sherman, No. 697 Broadway. My special business here was to see him, and, if possible, get help for a bad and dangerous case of Hernia. Without help, I should have to be laid by—a thing I could hardly be reconciled to, though I have often thought that on some account I should be glad to have it so; yet I hope to be able to finish my course with joy, and lay all at the Master's feet at His coming.

"My interview with the Doctor was very pleasant and hopeful.

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He had invented new Hernial appliances, superior to any Truss in the world. Besides, he entirely heals and cures his patients, so that they dispense with the instrument after a time."

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Letter received from Rev. J. V. HIMES

Buchanan, Jan. 15, 1870.

DR. J. A. SHERMAN:

Dear Sir:—Since I left your office, I have not been troubled with escape of the bowels. Your appliance works like a charm. I have been strictly careful in carrying out your instructions, and am hopeful of an early cure. Yours, truly, JOSHUA V. HIMES.

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Extract of Second Letter.

Buchanan, Feb. 21, 1870.

DR. J. A. SHERMAN:

Dear Sir:—From the first day I put on your appliance, and began to use the Curative Compound, I began to improve. I can now walk about, even without the instrument, without any pain or apparent injury, though I do not practice this but a few moments at a time. I have no pain; the rupture is healing up, and I am in a fair way to be fully cured.

I am very grateful to God, and to you, as an instrument in the hands of Providence, for the relief I have already, and the hope of a final cure. Yours, truly, JOSHUA V. HIMES.

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*Mr. Himes' Statement of his Cure.*

Buchanan, Mich., March 14, 1871.

DR. J. A. SHERMAN:

Dear Sir:—It is nearly one year since you placed one of your Hernial Appliances upon me for a Rupture on my right side. Beside the ease and comfort I have had since that time, I am most happy to say that I am cured. I am so much exposed to continual labor, and journeying from place to place, that I still wear the Appliance, but I have no inconvenience from it, and should not need it, but from exposure. I cannot express in words my appreciation of your skill, or gratitude for my cure. JOSHUA V. HIMES,

Editor of "*Advent Christian Times*."

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Copy of W. A. HOPKINS' Letter to an Inquirer.

J. H., Esq.:

Dear Sir:—Yours of the 20th I received this morning. I am only too happy to state to you in regard to what I know of Dr. Sherman: Three years ago this coming summer, I became aware that I was ruptured. I made it known to a friend of mine that was ruptured also, and he gave me the consolation that there was no

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cure for it. I was in the country on a vacation at the time. When I came back to New York, I was feeling very disconsolate, and worried about my rupture. One evening, in December 1868, I was reading my paper; I noticed an article in it about Dr. Sherman, which was in regard to rupture cure. After I had read the article, I felt better about myself, for I had made up my mind that my complaint was incurable. I waited a few days, and I found I had got to do something, for my rupture was getting very troublesome. So I went and saw Dr. Sherman. He examined me, and said my case could be cured. I asked him if he could give me any references of men that he had cured. Said he could. He gave me some names that had been, and were then, under his treatment. I went and saw them. I saw men that had been ruptured for years; had tried every doctor they had heard of; spent lots of money, and found they were getting worse all the time. I saw a number that were cured, and what were not cured were getting better all the time. To make a long matter short, I was perfectly satisfied, and I went to Dr. Sherman at once. This was the last part of December. He applied his method, gave me instructions, and I went about my business a new man. After continuing the treatment several months, Dr. Sherman examined and pronounced me a sound man. To satisfy myself of the fact, I went to one of the best doctors New York affords; was examined, and he pronounced me sound. I have not worn anything since, which is two years next May. I am only one of a good many that Dr. Sherman has cured, to my knowledge, here in the city. Under such circumstances, I can recommend Dr. Sherman to your highest consideration. What I have stated in this letter you can rely upon as being nothing but the truth.

Yours, &c., W. A. HOPKINS,  
9th National Bank, New York.

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Communication to *Pomeroy's Democrat*.

How MR. ADAMS WAS CURED OF RUPTURE.

Mr. Adams, one of our readers in Jersey, sends us a communication of his cure of rupture by Dr. Sherman's treatment, which we publish in another part of this paper. This is but one of many proofs coming to us from every quarter, of Dr. Sherman's success in this branch of surgery. A statement so reliable from a working man must be of the highest importance to those suffering from this terrible infirmity.

The above remarks are from the editor of *Pomeroy's Democrat*, and the following is the communication referred to:

MR. ADAMS ON DR. SHERMAN'S RUPTURE CURE.

South Orange, N. J., Nov. 21, 1871.

To the Editor of *Pomeroy's Democrat*:

Many persons think rupture is not curable, and that Dr. Sherman's

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method of cure is not reliable, or, in plain English, "humbug;" but as I was ruptured three years, and found myself getting worse from the use of trusses, I made up my mind to see him and try for myself. I am a butcher, and was ruptured lifting a quarter of beef, and yet, while under Dr. Sherman's treatment, I did not favor myself, and was entirely cured. Reading in your paper for the first time of Dr. Sherman's cures, of 697 Broadway, your city, I send you this statement, hoping others suffering from rupture will try the same remedies.

FREDERICK ADAMS,

No. 16 Centre Market, Newark, N. J.

### *To the Editor of the Sun:*

Not the change of my humble position to Park Commissioner, or any other exalted and lucrative one, could afford me the satisfaction I now feel from being relieved of rupture—a bad, troublesome rupture—from which I have suffered untold misery for more than fifteen years.

Since Dr. Sherman's treatment and cure of my case, I realize all the emotions of a new existence. I have proved Dr. Sherman's remedies, and recommend ruptured persons hoping for cure to do the same.

PHILIP CARROLL,

Seventy-sixth St. and Tenth Ave.

New York, *July 31, 1871.*

Mr. Carroll is another of Dr. Sherman's cured patients who seems buoyant in spirits from his delivery from rupture and the necessity of using trusses. His being far advanced in life and cured, after wearing trusses more than fifteen years, is strong proof in favor of Dr. Sherman's system.

From *M. M. Pomeroy's Democrat*, New York.

### DR. SHERMAN'S RELIABILITY.

We are continually receiving letters of inquiry about Dr. Sherman, and his reliability in the specialty of treating and curing rupture. About two years since, a gentleman showed us a photograph of his taken before he placed himself under the care of Dr. Sherman for rupture. This was a few months after treatment. The difference between the man when the picture was taken and the time when we saw him, was wonderful. He then considered himself cured, and gave the credit to Dr. Sherman. In view of this circumstance, and what we had previously heard, as a matter of interest to those of our readers who might be afflicted in a similar way, we indorsed Dr. Sherman.

In order to remove every doubt, and to make sure that no wrong should be done to any one, one of the associate editors of this paper devoted an entire day to the investigation of Dr. Sherman's system of treatment of his patients. The result of this investigation con-

firms the truthfulness of our indorsement. Many prominent gentlemen in this city tell us they tried other parties without being benefited, then placed themselves under Dr. Sherman's treatment and were cured. Perhaps we may express the strongest conviction of our assurance of his success, by stating that if we should ever be afflicted as others were, who have been treated by him, we should go to him for treatment, with every reason to believe that he would effect a cure. Further than this, no man can say.

### *Hernia, its Certain and Permanent Relief.*

The following article, which lately appeared in the *New Orleans Commercial Bulletin*, and has since been copied into several other papers, makes known facts which are of great interest to the public generally. We commend the article to the earnest attention of our readers.—*Lone Star*, Washington, Texas, Feb. 28th, 1852.

"We have had on our table for some time past, Dr. Lawrence's great work on Hernia, but, up to yesterday, did not glance over it; and we now regret very much not having done so sooner, from the facts we have gleaned touching the nature and prevalence of that most insidious, while it is the most dangerous and distressing affliction it has ever been our lot to contemplate. We hope those of our readers who are troubled in that manner, and who have hitherto been indifferent concerning it, will give attention to the following extracts, which we give in the hope of setting the unwary to thinking, that their own good sense may teach them the imperative necessity of speedily providing themselves with the most approved means of security which this age, fruitful as it is with wonderful inventions, offers against the chances of strangulation and premature death.

"Dr. L. says, 'It is true, indeed, that a Hernia, if properly managed, is not immediately dangerous to the patient; does not affect his health, nor materially diminish his enjoyments; but it is a source of constant danger, since violent exercise or sudden exertion may bring it from a perfectly innocent state into a condition which frequently proves fatal. The ordinarily harmless nature of these swellings increase the patient's risk, by averting suspicion, and leading him to neglect the means of prevention and security.'

"Again, he says, 'In a small and recent case, the dimensions of the aperture are unimpaired, and its sides are unyielding; strangulation takes place easily, and the danger of stricture is always considerable; and further, that the strangulation of a small portion of intestine is the most dangerous, because the opening is narrow.'

"He also relates many incidents of children and infants perishing in indescribable agony from strangulation; among them, one of the tender age of twenty-four days. What a warning to parents!

"Many flatter themselves that they are out of danger, because

they have been ruptured several years without being greatly alarmed with unpleasant and dangerous sensations; and to prove that they are not, the author cites a case of a man of sixty falling a victim to his rupture after having it thirty years; and, we might say, a thousand others, of every age, grade and station of life, hurried from the world without any other ailment than that induced by a neglected or badly treated Hernia. He condemns in strong terms the practice persons thus afflicted have fallen into, in regard to the use of trusses, suffering themselves or others not skilled in the art, or qualified by experience and study, to select and put on a truss, the use of which may cause irreparable injury, without the possibility of affording any benefit; that there are several kinds of ruptures that make their appearance in different parts of the body, and that each requires a truss peculiar to itself and of the right pressure.

“While on this subject, we feel it our duty to mention Dr. SHERMAN, of St. Charles street, to our readers, as the inventor of the best truss in the United States; and a gentleman who devotes his time exclusively to the treatment of the complaint it is intended to cure. He, then, is qualified in every particular to meet the views of Dr. Lawrence, and is the only person we would confide in, were we unfortunate enough to require a truss for relief in that imminently dangerous, but, we are sorry to say, grossly neglected affliction.

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From the *Baton Rouge Advocate*, 1852.

The newspapers of New Orleans teem with the great cures effected in Hernia by the application and use of Dr. Sherman's Method, which, soothing and alleviating the pain of wearing a truss, affords, besides, medical virtues in closing and healing the opening caused by rupture. It is not simply the rupture produced by strains that is only dangerous, but, alas! ill-constructed, ill-devised and ill-applied instruments that do the mischief. From all we can gather, Dr. Sherman not only alleviates the sufferer, but, what is far more consoling, is very successful in radically curing this curse to man.

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From the *Mobile Tribune*, 1856.

DR. SHERMAN'S RUPTURE CURATIVE.—We are glad to learn that Dr. Sherman is largely patronized by the citizens of Mobile. We presume that they have suffered long enough for something more efficient than a Truss to lose this chance. As we understand the complaint, not only comfort is requisite to quiet the ruptured individual, but also a sense of security against the perils of strangulated hernia. These combined advantages are secured by Dr. Sherman's Method. His constant devotion to this branch of surgery makes him competent to do justice to all stages of the complaint, and we

advise our friends to call on him at the Battle House and provide themselves with his method while they have the opportunity.

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From the *Mobile Advertiser*, 1856.

The very idea of death from strangulated hernia makes one shudder, and that our readers may not in the future have just cause to blame us, we cheerfully give all the information on the subject which comes before us. The editor of the *Nevos* gives the following striking truths in his last editions:

“THE LAST CHANCE.”—If there be any of our readers affected with that insidious and dangerous infirmity called Rupture, who have not yet called on Dr. Sherman and procured his invaluable remedies, we urge them to do so. Many flatter themselves that because they are slightly afflicted—because they have little or no pain, that they are safe—but this is not the case; the hour of danger is ever with them in the use of such Trusses as are commonly sold in the stores—they give undue pressure upon the muscles, injure the spermatic cord, and increase the infirmity. These evils, as life advances, become very distressing, and are certainly as bad as the rupture itself. Among the most eminent writers on the subject is Dr. Lawrence, and he says the smaller the aperture the more danger there is from strangulation in certain positions of the body. This danger is avoided in Dr. Sherman's Method, and a radical cure, without inconvenience, obtained. If these comforts are not worth seeking, then life is a mere bauble, a shadow without substance.

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From the *Mobile Register*, 1858.

By the mortuary lists of populous cities, it would be difficult to ascertain in many instances what caused death. There are diseases frequently not understood, and when understood, fatal for want of proficiency in their treatment by ordinary physicians, whose education or experiences have not tended directly to an understanding of their diagnosis. Of these, Hernia is one of the most prominent. Those who are afflicted with it are apt to apply to the ordinary medical practitioner, who has neither the knowledge nor the facilities to apply an effective remedy. They are also apt to neglect it altogether from an absence of needful apprehension, and also from a tendency to surround the complaint with unnecessary secrecy. Many ruptured persons are the victims of these modes of regarding their condition. Dr. Sherman has the very highest reputation for the cure of the Hernia. He has for years devoted his exclusive attention to it, and has invented many improvements in the instruments applied for its relief and cure.

Extract from an article published in the New Orleans *Medical and Surgical Journal*, on the

## RADICAL CURE OF INGUINAL HERNIA

BY THE USE OF DR. SHERMAN'S APPLIANCE AND CURATIVE MIXTURE.

BY W. T. LEONARD, M. D.,

Formerly Professor of Anatomy in the Washington University of Baltimore.

The highest aim of surgery is to avoid the use of the knife, whenever it can be done with safety to the patient, and that surgeon is most truly great who makes it his last, as it ever must be, his most terrible remedy.

It is in view of the magnitude of this truth that I propose a few thoughts and illustrations of the nature and treatment of inguinal hernia, and on its curability by the use of Sherman's appliance and curative.

It is true that trusses have been applied, in one form or other, to hernia, from time immemorial; or, if the instruments have not been used, the principle upon which they are applied has been a necessity growing out of the nature of the accident. This is self-evident.

It is not necessary to the purpose to be accomplished in this article, to enter into an elaborate description of the anatomy of the parts concerned in hernia; embracing the coverings, the situation of the epigastric artery and other vessels, and all the vexed questions which have been prolific themes for the ingenuity of anatomists and the casuistry of surgeons. As its purpose is, if practicable, to avoid the use of the knife altogether, it is not a matter of interest, at this moment, whether the hernial sac has but one homogeneous covering from the skin to the *fascia propria*, or as many as the scalpel of the most ingenious and astute dissector can make for it. Nor does it more concern our present purpose, whether it is necessary, in order to avoid wounding the epigastric vessels, in the operation for strangulated hernia, to cut "upwards and inwards," "upwards and outwards," or "directly upwards," or whether safety to the patient indicates the propriety of "not making a decided incision in any direction, but just to nick the structure all around."

If the purpose here suggested be at all times practicable, strangulated hernia need never occur, and the operation for its relief would be a matter of surgical history, to be pointed out as a course pursued by our fathers in the days when surgery was a terror.

Inguinal hernia is the descent of some portion of the abdominal viscera along the line of the spermatic cord, to a greater or less extent to the scrotum.

It is known as oblique inguinal hernia when, entering the internal abdominal ring it traverses the inguinal canal, emerges at the external abdominal ring and descends to the scrotum in close association with the spermatic cord; as direct inguinal hernia when, breaking through the internal abdominal ring, it descends to the scrotum, but not in the direct and close association with the spermatic cord, as in the other case.

Oblique inguinal hernia is by far the most frequent occurrence; so much so, indeed, as to render the idea of a direct inguinal hernia an exceedingly hypothetical affair in the minds of some very good surgeons; and when we reflect upon the nature of the structures which must be broken up to produce a direct hernia, and the comparatively easy egress of the viscus by the oblique route, we are almost led to the belief that a direct hernia exists rather in the fancy of the surgeon than in the phenomena of surgical accidents. The internal ring is formed by the testicle, which has left its bed beside the kidney, pushing a *fold* of peritoneum before it, in its descent through the channel that nature has provided for its pathway to the scrotum, and a viscus seeking escape from the cavity of the abdomen, will scarcely form a new route when one has already been opened for it. Hence, oblique inguinal hernia is by far the most frequent, if not the only form of inguinal hernia.

A moment's consideration of the course traveled by an oblique inguinal hernia, will serve to elucidate the plan of treatment having in view its radical cure.

We have seen the hernia enter the internal abdominal ring—we have learned how that ring is formed. Next it traverses the inguinal canal. How is that canal formed, and what are its boundaries?

The floor and external wall of the inguinal canal are formed by the tendon of the external oblique muscle—that tendon being reflected on itself so as to form a semi-circular groove, in which the spermatic cord is received; the upper and inner walls of the canal are formed by the parietes of the abdomen.

This canal is about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, and terminates in the *external abdominal ring*. This ring, or rather this triangular opening, is formed by the tendon of the external oblique muscle, as it is separated into two distinct pillars or parts, one of which passes on to be inserted into the symphysis pubis; the other, into the spine of the pubis. Escaped from this, the descent of the hernia is direct along the line of the spermatic cord to the scrotum.

Thus we have seen exactly what an oblique inguinal hernia is; learned its course from the abdomen to the scrotum, and also the very important fact that the inguinal canal has a lining of serous membrane, the prolongation of peritoneum which the testicle has pushed before it from the margin of the internal ring.

It is an established fact in pathology, that serous membranes, acted upon by pressure, will throw out a coagulable lymph, which,

coming between two serous surfaces thus excited, will cause them to agglutinate. Here, then, is the philosophy of cure by external appliances.

The following are a few cases which I have examined in proof of Dr. Sherman's Method :

CASE I.—Mr. D. W. C. Campbell, a gentleman who resides in New Orleans, and who, I believe is known to the managing editor of this journal, was ruptured when quite a small boy (he is now thirty-three years of age). For some years he wore a common truss which had been applied by the physician to his father's family; but finding that it encumbered him and increased the trouble of his hernia, he threw it away, and for some years was without any support, the hernia being always down except when he was in the recumbent position.

In 1853, he decided to try Sherman's method. He called on Dr. Sherman in December of that year, and had the application made. He wore this instrument and used the compound about twelve months, since which time he has had no symptoms of a return of a hernia, being capable of taking, and does take athletic exercise. I have examined this gentleman, and there is now no sign of hernia about him.

CASE 2.—Henry Tebbe, aged eighteen years; lives at the corner of Thalia and New Levee streets, in this city. Has suffered from an oblique inguinal hernia since September, 1857; first used a truss which was applied by B. Pradel, of this city; after wearing it about four months, he found his hernia increasing in size, and it became very troublesome to him.

He then procured Dr Sherman's patent appliance and curative. He has worn that instrument and made the application for about two months. I examined this case on the 27th day of March, 1858, after this period of two months' wear of the appliance. The examination was made while the patient was in the erect position; there was slight irritation, but the hernia did not protrude at all. I caused him to cough and exercise the abdominal muscles, but it still did not produce a protrusion of the hernia. He yet wears the appliance however, as a precautionary measure, but feels that he is relieved of the effects of the accident.

CASE 3.—M. L. W. Dodge, the road-master of the Opelousas railroad, now living in Algiers, aged about forty years, had an oblique inguinal hernia, produced by very great physical exertion in 1853. He applied to Dr. Sherman, and obtained from him his patent appliance and rupture curative, which he used for several months. There has not been any appearance of the hernia for about three years; nor has he suffered any inconvenience when dispensing with the use of the appliance; but as his occupation requires sometimes violent exertion, such as jumping on or off a train when in rapid motion, and as the appliance is so perfectly comfortable, he wears it as a habit.

CASE 5.—Henry Howell resides on Felicity road, near Franklin street; this gentleman had been ruptured on both sides from boyhood, used a great variety of trusses, still his ruptures increased and grew more troublesome; had several times suffered severely from strangulated ruptures; at one time was given over by his physician; was recommended by Mr. Danforth to try Sherman's method; Mr. Danforth had been cured of a left side scrotal hernia by Dr. Sherman's curative. Mr. Howell called on Dr. Sherman and procured his appliance and compound in 1856, used them about twelve months, had been without the appliance over two years, when I examined him, I found the hernial opening obliterated and no traces of rupture remaining. This gentleman informed me that his business requires him to take active exercise, that he has done so since the cure, and feels all right.

CASE 6.—W. A. Glynn, St. Mary's street, had a right side inguinal rupture fourteen years, had tried different truss makers to get relief in New York and in London without much success, procured Dr. Sherman's appliance and compound in January, 1853; he says they gave him immediate relief and cured him. Previous to my examination of this gentleman he had not used the appliance for five years. I examined him carefully and found the ring entirely obliterated.

CASE 7.—Mr. E. Solomon, carpenter, was afflicted with double inguinal rupture for several years, tried various trusses and found them painful to wear and of little use: was induced by a friend to try Sherman's appliance, which he found easy to wear and effective. The appliance and compound he used about nine months, discontinued their use over three years, since which he has felt no symptoms of hernia. I examined him a few days since to my entire satisfaction.

CASE 8.—Mr D. Edward's eldest son, five years of age, had a scrotal rupture for three years, procured Dr. Sherman's appliance and compound about one year since, used them four months, since their use has discovered no rupture. I recently examined this case and found the cure complete.

CASE 9.—Mr. John Phelps, residing in Algiers, fifty-seven years of age, was ruptured nineteen years; procured Sherman's appliance and compound in the year 1856, continued their use twelve months, since which time he has had no return of rupture. I examined this gentleman yesterday and found him perfectly sound.

CASE 10.—W. H. Barlow, Esq., ruptured five years, procured Sherman's appliance and compound twelve months since, used them about eight months. I examined this case yesterday and found no traces of rupture. Mr. Barlow thinks that he was cured in about two months.

CASE 11.—Win. King, a merchant of this city, was slightly ruptured, used Sherman's method five months. I examined him ten months after discontinuing it, and found a radical cure had been effected.

Want of space and time prevents me from appending other cases.

But in concluding this paper allow me to add, that without the scientific application and adjustment of this instrument by the inventor's experienced hand and the use of his embrocation, but little if any more benefit would accrue to the ruptured patient than from the use of the ordinary truss.

The subject of rupture is of much more importance to mankind than is generally supposed. It is estimated that one man in every twenty is affected with hernia, and every man who has a hernia is liable at any moment to have a strangulation of it produced. Of those who have suffered from strangulated hernia a very large proportion die. While under the most favorable circumstances a vast amount of suffering must be endured. How deep then does the interest of the subject become.

It has already been observed that every one who labors under a hernia is liable to have that hernia strangulated. Any deviation from the ordinary course of life, change of weather or diet, excitement, either mental or physical, or unusual exertion, may at any and the most unguarded moment produce a strangulation.

This accident is also exceedingly insidious in its attack, producing little or no alarm until the mischief has become almost irremediable. Even the physician's suspicions are sometimes lulled into the belief that his patient has only an attack of colic, and before he is aroused the fatal die is cast, and to his dismay he finds that he has to deal with a strangulated hernia.

The number of FATAL CASES herewith appended, prove that it is no idle alarm to declare the imminent peril in which he stands who has a neglected hernia. He dare not run, jump, cough, ride, or move in other than a measured step, lest he accelerates his doom. He dare not eat, drink, bathe, except by the rule, for this fatal, for it is almost certainly fatal, accident may occur, even though he may be as prudent as the cautious dame herself. A change of weather, operating as it does on an excitable nervous system, may cause a rupture to become strangulated.

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### DEATHS FROM STRANGULATED RUPTURE.

CASE 1. I visited a man about thirty years of age, with the Strangulated Scrotal Hernia; operated on him the third day after the commencement of strangulation, the usual remedies for reduction having been tried in vain. He lingered in pain six days after the operation and then died.

CASE 2. I was called in haste, and after night, to see a man about twenty years of age. He had been laboring under Strangulated Hernia from the preceding day, and the usual means of reduction had been used without effect, by Dr. Bonsell. The patient was operated upon, but soon after was bedewed with a cold clammy sweat; pulse rapid; died next morning at seven o'clock.

CASE 3. I operated, to-day, for Strangulated femoral Hernia. The patient wore a truss. Strangulation occurred in the act of vomiting; second day after the operation, abdomen tender; countenance dejected; pulse one hundred and twenty, and weak. The patient died.

CASE 4. Isaac Lewis was admitted into the Pennsylvania Hospital, afflicted with Strangulated Scrotal Hernia. His case was beyond medical relief; he lingered some time an object of pity, and then died.

CASE 5. I was called to visit Robert Walker, Esq., aged thirty-seven, who was in great pain from a Strangulated Hernia. He had been ruptured for many years. Operated on him after all other means of relief failed. He seemed easy the next morning, but died during the day.

CASE 6. I was called by Dr. Dewees to see, with him, a patient thirty-seven years of age, who was laboring under the painful symptoms of Strangulated Hernia. The condition of the case was such that we found it necessary to operate. The patient died forty-eight hours after the operation.

CASE 7. I was called in consultation with Drs. Griffith and Hewson, in a case of Strangulated Hernia. Various attempts were made by these gentlemen to reduce it, but to no purpose. An operation was performed. The patient lived for several days, at times presenting favorable symptoms, but finally died.

CASE 8. I was called in haste in consultation with Drs. Worthington and Smith, to visit a young man suffering from Strangulated Rupture. The symptoms were urgent, and I proposed an immediate operation. Soon after the operation he became delirious and feverish, and died on the tenth day afterward.

CASE 9. I was called in consultation with Dr. Perkin, to visit a middle-aged man, who exhibited all the symptoms of Strangulated Hernia. The poor man soon died, and on dissection that was found to be the cause of his death.

CASE 10. A poor person was brought into the Hospital, laboring under symptoms of Strangulated Hernia. The hernia was inguinal, quite small, in the left side, and had been strangulated for some time, the most available means were resorted to, and the rupture reduced; but early on the fourth day the patient died.

CASE 11. I was sent for, to aid in a bad case of Strangulated Hernia. The man had been ruptured twenty-seven years. The condition of his case was hopeless, and he died in a short time.

Dr. Parrish, who has thoroughly studied the nature of Hernia, states, among other important facts, that "the symptoms of strangulation are sometimes more violent and dangerous in a small than a large rupture."

These extracts show conclusively that a person is never safe while a hernia is permitted to exist at all, and that the operation for it is, in a majority of cases, only another portal to the grave.

## Dr. SHERMAN'S Certain Remedy for Rupture Troubles.

As the world advances in civilization and knowledge, the act becomes more fully recognized that science fulfils its noblest mission when it alleviates human suffering and, by reducing disease and misfortune, contributes to the health and happiness of mankind. All men agree that a sound body is the greatest boon under heaven, and from the time when the heathen physician Galen utilized his imperfect acquaintance with the structure of the human system, down through the periods when the circulation of the blood and the uses and connections of the arteries, veins, and lacteals, were discovered, to the present time, when the combined agencies of genius, art, and science, are directed to the cure of disease, the most enlightened sentiment of the world has given paramount importance to Man's Physical Welfare, since on its preservation everything that is pleasurable in existence depends. While, however, the science of medicine has for some time reached such a state of advancement that few ills to which flesh is heir have been able to withstand the remedies used, one or two extreme afflictions have, until recently, defied all known curative powers. Inguinal hernia, or rupture, was found among the most difficult to master, and long did the highest medical talent of Europe and other countries vainly seek to discover an effectual remedy for this most painful as well as the most dangerous malady under which a human being can labor. From the nature of the case a two-fold difficulty had to be surmounted. Structural Disruption had to be repaired, in addition to strengthening the vital forces, and therefore *Materia Medica* alone was found inadequate to the purpose. On the other hand, no exclusive mechanical appliance could by any possibility meet the emergency, and consequently the mere use of trusses proved signally ineffectual. Patient investigation demonstrated that artistic surgery, resulting from a profound knowledge of anatomy and vast experience, could alone expect to successfully cope with this giant affliction, and time has shown the absolute truth of this hypothesis. The fallacy of the old system of attempting the cure of rupture by the means of trusses was first pointed out by Dr. J. A. SHERMAN, whose Wonderful Cures by his special remedies and patent inventions have alike astonished medical colleges and brought joy, health, and strength, to suffering numbers who, after years of unavailing treatment from professed experts, abandoned all hope of ever regaining physical soundness. It would be curious, as well as interesting, to follow Dr. SHERMAN in his researches which eventuated in the conviction that as regards abdominal hernia the human body was to be judged by Artistic Principles, and that the remedy which had alluded the grasp of both professors of medicine and mechanical scientists existed in some peculiar adaptation of art to organic laws. That he succeeded in finding the remedy is proved beyond all doubt, for evidences the most conclusive are at hand to show that aggravated

cases of rupture of ten, twenty, thirty, and forty years' standing have been entirely cured by him, and that as the success of his special treatment becomes known the use of trusses is relegated to the barbarism of the past. One of the great advantages of this treatment is that the patient is relieved and cured while attending to his daily vocations, and does not have to endure half the trouble, pain, and inconvenience, which is inseparable from The Old Truss System.

That Dr. SHERMAN'S cures are *bona fide* and thorough, the most reliable testimonials as well as personal facts attest; and as in a matter of this kind unquestioning confidence in the agent or practitioner is an important consideration, it will be satisfactory to state that sufficient evidence to convince the most incredulous and despairing sufferer exists to prove that the merits claimed for the Doctor's treatment are fully authenticated. Over twenty-five years of study and practice have been spent to bring this great speciality to its present efficient state, and the perfect mastery which Dr. SHERMAN now exercises over the distressing infirmity constitutes him a benefactor of the human race, and places his method of cure among the most valuable discoveries of the century.

—*The Lancet*, May, 1874. —

#### SUCCESSFUL METHOD OF TREATING HERNIA.

*Dr. J. A. Sherman, No. 697 Broadway, New York:*

DEAR SIR: I herewith enclose you a statement, according to promise, in relation to my rupture and the cure which you have so effectually performed:

STATEMENT.—Having been ruptured from boyhood, a period of over twenty years, and having vainly sought relief from the various trusses in use, I concluded, hearing of your success through your announcements in various papers, to avail myself of your assistance and curatives. A few days previous to leaving home I asked Dr. Reed, the family physician, what his opinion was of your curing my rupture. He was incredulous; thought it could not be cured, and that my visit would be but throwing away my money. This made me feel a little dubious, but nevertheless I had so fully determined on seeing you that I could not be influenced by his notions, but visited you on the 4th of July, and subsequent to examination had your appliance adjusted to my case. The result has been most satisfactory. I have been radically cured for more than three months. This considering the duration of my rupture, and the constant attention to my business in a saw-mill, conclusively establishes the advantages of your mode of treating this most formidable affliction, the most tenacious and obstinate with which humanity has to contend. Feeling, from my experience, the mortification and inconvenience continually harassing the minds of persons ruptured, I made this public statement that they may feel assured of the efficacy of your remedies.

GEORGE W. ADAMS.

April 24, 1869.

Dyberry, Wayne County, Pa.,

CURED OF MY RUPTURE—I feel it. I know it. I daily enjoy the proof of it.

I adopted Dr. Sherman's curative method as a new year's present to myself for 1869, and a happier New-Year can never light up my path in the future. No, never. When I think of it, it is as Brick Pomeroy of *The La Cross Democrat*, said in alluding to Dr. Sherman's cures: "Almost miraculous." Cured without restriction from my business exercise; cured without suffering or inconvenience; cured while laughing, joking, working, when others around me were groaning and sighing from the pain of irksome trusses, deriding my hope of cure—dubious incredulous, disheartened dupes to the Truss system. Cured, I say, under such circumstances, awakens in the mind the reflection "almost miraculous." I think I have said enough, but as there may be some unreasonable creature, some Thomas wanting more proof, I will refer him to the house of Murphy, Grant & Co., 18 Reade St., New York, where I am well known from my business connections. At the same time, it will afford me infinite pleasure to give any further information to any one interested, who may be pleased to call upon or address me by letter. The publishing of Mr. Hodge's communication in your paper, last year, having aroused my slumbering hopes, I now solicit in behalf of humanity, the publication of my experience, with the impression that it may have a similar good influence on others who are suffering from rupture, and at the same time enable me to publicly acknowledge, through one of the most respectable and wild spread sources, the specific character of Dr. Sherman's method of treating rupture. I thought I had finished: but no, I cannot lay down my pen without saying to every one ruptured and wearing trusses, Throw them away. I tried them to my heart's content. There is no good in them. Away, with them, and secure Dr. Sherman's assistance, appliance, and cures, as I did, and be cured, as I am. Then, and not till then, will you enjoy your heart's greatest desire Yours truly,

MIANUS, FAIRFIELD Co., Conn., Dec. 24, 1869. W. H. SMITH.

*Dr. Sherman:*

Dear Sir:—When you were in Chicago last Summer I called on you, and after consultation and examination, obtained your appliance and Compound for a left side scrotal rupture, with which I had been afflicted for over 14 years. I am now happy to say that I am and have been entirely cured for more than three months. During the treatment I experienced little inconvenience. Any one wishing further information can address me at my place of business.  
New York, 1870. B. T. SMITH.

Mr. Smith is now at the house of Messrs. Hickman & Wilson, 309 and 311 North Third street, St. Louis, Mo.

## D. W. SAWYER'S REPORT.

HIS ESCAPE FROM DEATH—THE KNIFE AND STRANGULATION—HOW  
HE WAS SAVED.

*Editor of the Call:—*

Having been for over thirty years afflicted with Rupture, and twice endured the anguish and danger of inflamed and strangulated rupture, and once necessarily subjected to the critical operation of the knife, I feel most happy in having found permanent relief in Dr. Sherman's method of cure, and in making it known to others unfortunately ruptured. I had been in correspondence with the Doctor for some three years, intending to go to New York to obtain his treatment, but, fortunately for me, his visit to San Francisco saved me the time and expense of that long journey. I applied to him last Spring, received his treatment, and the result has been of the highest satisfaction.

And now with my experience from Trusses and Rupture, I feel it my duty to humanity to recommend Dr. Sherman's System of Treatment to every one who hopes for a sound body.

Any one who wishes to see me during my stay in this city can do so by calling at my brother's house, No. 213 Prospect street. When home my residence is at West Point, Calaveras County, Cal.

San Francisco, March 25, 1872.

D. W. SAWYER.

## A HORRIBLE DEATH!

John M. Pease, from Gold Run, (this State), brought his little son here to be cured of Rupture by Dr. Sherman. Mr. Pease stated a case which occurred in his neighborhood, the impression of which weighs heavily upon his mind and gives him great uneasiness about his son. The case was that of a Mr. Williams, who had been ruptured many years. He always wore a truss and seemed to feel safe, though at times it would slip. Mr. Williams was engaged with Mr. Pease, and while attending to business his rupture passed out, became inflamed, and he went to his room to put it back as he had often done before. He did not, however, succeed, and medical aid was called, but only to acquaint the poor man that his rupture was strangulated and there was no help. He lingered in fearful agony until the next day, when nature yielded and the unfortunate man sank into the arms of death, leaving a wife and three children to mourn his terrible fate. Mr. Pease says Mr. Williams was but 28 years of age, and an affectionate parent. This touching incident compels us to say, wives look to your husbands, children to your parents, lest from this fearful calamity you share the same fate as Mrs. Williams and her children.

From the San Francisco *Morning Call*.

Mr. Tautphaus is a merchant well known in this city, and a man whose statement may be regarded with implicit confidence. We

congratulate him on the cure of his son after battling for over fourteen years with so tenacious an affliction as rupture. We give his statement below :

My son Charles was afflicted with rupture from the time he was three months old for a period of over fourteen years, on the right side, and after exhausting my patience with trusses, I took him last year to Dr. Sherman, 240 Montgomery street, and secured his treatment, since which, I am happy to state, he has been cured. To be certain of this, I have had him examined by two of the first physicians of this city, who expressed themselves in the most flattering manner. I make this statement in behalf of humanity, so that the afflicted may know to whom to apply for relief and cure from this dangerous infirmity.

JACOB TAUTPHAUS.

Quinn street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth, near Valencia.

San Francisco, April 9, 1873.

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JOHN STONER AND DR. SHERMAN.—When a man over eighty years of age feels it his duty to the public to give his own experience touching a subject of such vital importance as rupture, through our columns, we cannot refuse him, especially since there are so many awkward and painful devices palped off on the afflicted. Mr. Stoner's statement coming from an honest heart for a good object, we commend to the attention of our readers. *Editor Telegram.*

What is beneficial to humanity should be made known, especially when it involves the relief and cure of known rupture. I am an old man, born in 1792, and therefore know much of the world and its tripulations. I have known of the sufferings of rupture from others since my childhood, and known how difficult it was for them to find relief; but when I became ruptured myself several years since I experienced its vexations and dangers. I tried one truss after another—got them from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago and New York. Though smart for my age, and rupture is my only ailment, it disqualified me for exercise and marred my mind continually, until, by good fortune, on Wednesday last, I consulted Dr. J. A. Sherman, 697 Broadway, and arranged for the adaptation of his appliance to my case. Since then I have truly felt like myself, and am proud to say that his knowledge and method of treatment is of priceless value to the ruptured. I feel the more like making this truth public, as several interested parties, when I spoke of going to Dr. Sherman, tried to keep me from doing so, telling me what I am now happy to denounce as an egregious falsehood, evidently arising from jealousy of his success. I went to see Dr. Sherman and judged for myself, the result of which was to make me feel like urging others to do the same. My home is at Balceny Falls, Rockbridge Co., Va.

New York, June 17th, 1873.

JOHN STONER.

Mr. Wurzburg, a gentleman of this city, and a distinguished merchant, having received the benefit of this method, in the cure of a Scrotal Rupture, expresses himself, in unmistakable language, of the satisfaction and benefit he enjoys from the cure, with the view of inspiring others, though they may have been dispirited from the use of trusses, to prove the efficacy of the same remedies.

As he states in his letter, his family physician endeavored to dissuade him from proving Dr. Sherman's method, and, by his advice, he did forego having the application made for some two months. But being annoyed, and, as he believed, injured from the truss furnished him by his physician, Mr. Wurzburg, under the impression that as others had been cured, he might be, concluded to try the cure for his own satisfaction, the result of which you have in the following letters :

HARLEM, July 25, 1868.

DR. SHERMAN, 697 Broadway, N. Y.

MY DEAR SIR: It is now about a year since I first came to you for treatment of Hernia, with which I had been suffering three or four years. Believing myself to be entirely cured, I deem it a duty I owe to those who are similarly afflicted to state the facts of my case, which are as follows :

As stated above, some four years ago I had the misfortune to get Ruptured, but not suffering much from it at first, I treated it with indifference, until I began to feel very weak from it, when I consulted my family doctor, who procured what he considered a suitable truss for me, which I used for a year or more, but found my Rupture, instead of getting well, as the doctor thought it was, getting worse all the time.

I tried another truss, thinking the first one not the right kind, but all to no purpose, as my Rupture was getting so as to alarm me.

Finally, I saw your card in the paper, promising a permanent cure of Hernia. I asked my family doctor's opinion, but he seemed to have little or no faith in your ability to cure me. Still I made up my mind to try the last remedy, as I could not endure the suffering much longer.

I gave myself under your care, and now, after about nine or ten months' careful treatment, I have the gratification to feel a new life. I have not felt my Rupture in three months, and can now work without a truss of any kind with perfect safety.

I would most cheerfully recommend your treatment as, in my opinion, the only one where a cure can be effected.

Very respectfully,

FREDERICK W. WURZBURG,

Formerly of Third Avenue, cor. 120th St., Harlem, N. Y.  
Now Grand Rapids, Mich.

The following letter was written by Henry Pohlmann in reply to a letter of enquiry written to him by Mr. J. H. McGee, of Baltimore, Md. :

J. H. McGEE, Baltimore.

*Dear Sir* :—In reply to your letter I must say that Dr. SHERMAN has cured me as solid as a rock. You may take my name for that, and as I don't know you you may take my word that I went to see Dr. Sherman in St. Louis. I have not used his treatment for one year. I have done laborious work and have felt no symptoms of rupture. I feel no more pains in my system. I feel like a morning star. I feel like a new man, and you may rely on my word.

Yours truly,

October 29, 1877.

HENRY POHLMANN, JR.,  
Union, Franklin Co., Mo.

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Mr. Henry Pohlmann, Sr., published the following communication in reference to his son's case and cure. It was after reading this statement Mr. McGee wrote Mr. Pohlmann to learn if the cure was permanent.

*To the Editor of the Globe Democrat, St. Louis :*

In May, 1876, I took my son Henry to Dr. J. A. SHERMAN, of New York, whom I read in your paper was in St. Louis treating Rupture. My son was twenty-three years of age and had been ruptured from infancy, and when I took him to Dr. Sherman his case was very bad. From the time that he received the Doctor's treatment he had no more symptoms of strangulation, has done exceedingly well, and is now perfectly cured. I write this in behalf of humanity, because so many disbelieve in the cure of Rupture. I once disbelieved in it, because my son tried so many trusses without being benefited ; but now, when I see he is cured, know how he was cured, I must believe in Dr. Sherman's treatment, and must tell what I know for the good of others who want to know how to be cured. I am a farmer, I paid liberally for my son's treatment, and am now thankful that I had the courage to try it, for if I had not tried it my son might have suffered on all his life. I know there are many who suffer and die from strangulation of the Rupture who could be saved by this treatment. I am well known here. My address is Union, Franklin Co., Mo.

HENRY POHLMANN.

Union, February 29, 1877.

HOW MR. STUART WAS CURED OF IT.—It is about a year ago since Dr. Sherman, of 697 Broadway, New York city, placed one of his Hernial Appliances on me, and gave me his curative compound for a rupture on my right side. I experienced no inconvenience from wearing the appliance; I worked right along; and I think I can now say I am entirely cured, as I have not worn the appliance for several months, and there is no signs or symptoms of rupture. I am a bricklayer by trade, and always accustomed to very active exercise. I hope you will publish this, Mr. Editor, in your paper, for the benefit of those ruptured.

BLOOMSBURY, Pa., July 1st, 1873.

ISAAC STUART.

### DR. SHERMAN TREATED HIS RUPTURE.

FOR HUMANITY'S SAKE HE SPEAKS.

*Editor Bulletin:*—

Having been ruptured, and a great sufferer from that discouraging affliction for several years, I wish to inform those similarly afflicted, through your valuable paper that last year I applied to Dr. J. A. Sherman, 240 Montgomery street, and obtained his method of cure, which has entirely restored me. Feeling so much better since being cured, I, as a duty to humanity, make this statement, that others may know to whom to apply for relief. I cannot find words to express the satisfaction I realize. Any one wishing to see me personally may do so by calling at my place of business, 500 Sansome street, or at my residence, 526 Ninth street, Oakland.

San Francisco, August 10, 1874.

JAMES ELLIS.

Such proof from a merchant of as high standing as Mr. Ellis, and as well known in San Francisco, is of the greatest importance to those who are mortified with the existence of rupture, and vexed from the necessity of using trusses, as it directs them to means from which they may find the same relief. Mr. Ellis was incredulous when he went to Dr. Sherman, and went only through the urgency of his wife, for he had not met with any one who had been cured; but now he is glad, indeed—animated with a new sense of life, and exults like one whose long-lost vigor and sensitive nature has been regained,—*Bulletin*.

MR. B. W. FELTON, A BOSTON MERCHANT, WRITES AS FOLLOWS:

BOSTON HIGHLANDS, Dec. 17, 1876.

Dr. SHERMAN:—Your answer to my letter was received in due time. I am all right; your appliance is working wonders; it has put my bowels in place, where they have not been for twenty years. I know now where my double rupture was, but did not understand when you told me about it. I am feeling better every day both in body and mind. If I continue to improve I shall think that I was guided by some unseen power to the right place for help. I knew nothing of you, except I saw your advertisement in the *Roxbury Gazette*.

Yours, thankfully,

More again.

B. W. FELTON.

## A FARMER'S REVELATION.

MR. MONFORT WRITES ABOUT DR. SHERMAN.

*To the Editor:*

On the 13th day of February, 1875, I applied to Dr. J. A. Sherman's office, and after a satisfactory explanation of his method of treating Hernia, had his treatment adapted to my case. I must say that at first I was somewhat skeptical of a cure, having been ruptured over twenty-nine years, and being in the sixty-third year of my life, besides my rupture was getting worse, so that when I applied to Dr. Sherman it was large and very troublesome. I had tried a great many trusses, not only without benefit, but with positive injury. The last one I tried, the Elastic Rubber Truss, was the worst of all.

I think the ruptured had better let trusses alone, and secure Dr. Sherman's remedies, which are a well authenticated means of relief and cure. I am only one of thousands who have been cured by him, and I make it known for the benefit of others. Although I have been very active since I went under this treatment, I gradually improved until I was entirely cured, which is now over seven months. I could not have believed the cure would have made me feel so much better until I experienced it. While I was ruptured I was often—very often—entirely incapacitated from attending to my business (farming), but now I am entirely able to pursue the various labors of my vocation, without the painful necessity of wearing a truss, not even the comfortable appliance furnished by Dr. Sherman, having no further use for anything of the kind.

Charleston, Ill., March 4, 1876.

I. J. MONFORT.

When an honest farmer speaks, relating incidents like the above, we must indorse what he says, by publishing it for the guidance of those interested. An honest heart in sympathy with the afflicted must have actuated Mr. Monfort in relating these interesting truths.

## MR. MONFORT'S REPLY TO ENQUIRERS.

SHERMAN AND HIS TREATMENT.

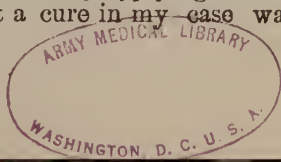
*To the editor of the Globe Democrat:*

I beg a small space in your paper to answer the great number of letters I am daily receiving in regard to a statement over my signature recently published in your paper.

In answer to the many inquirers, I will say that I have no interest, pecuniary or otherwise, in Dr. Sherman or his method of treatment, except a desire to make it known for the benefit of others who are suffering as I have suffered from rupture.

In stating in my former communication that thousands have been cured by him, I speak from a knowledge of statements like my own.

Dr. Sherman's fees can only be ascertained by applying to him personally. The time it required to effect a cure in my case was



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less than a year. I adopted the treatment about the 13th February, 1875, and on the 9th July following was the last time the intestines came down. In the latter end of July and first part of August the healing process was evidenced by stinging pains and intense itching of the ruptured part. This continued for three or four weeks. Since then I have felt that I am cured, and although I continued to wear the instrument furnished by the Doctor for some months, I have now laid it aside, as I do not need it. With this I send two or three corroborative testimonials, and could if necessary, procure a hundred, as I have lived here more than forty years.

The great labor of answering separately the letters I am receiving is my apology for troubling you with this.

Charleston, Ill., March 20, 1876. ISRAEL J. MONTFORT.

CHARLESTON, ILL., March 21, 1876.—I hereby certify that Mr. I. J. Montfort was badly ruptured, but is now well and cured by Dr. Sherman's treatment.

W. R. PATTON, M. D.

I have, as a druggist, sold trusses to Mr. I. J. Montfort, and know that he was badly afflicted with hernia. Upon examination I now find him cured—was cured by Dr. Sherman's treatment.

Charleston, March 21, 1876.

ANDREW MOORE.

In addition to this, I refer to Dr. H. C. Cunningham, Mayor of the City of Charleston, Ill.

I. J. MONTFORT

In view of satisfying the fastidious that he is not laboring under a delusion, Mr. Montfort undergoes an examination by his family physician, W. R. Patton, and his druggist, Andrew Moore, who both pronounce him radically cured. He further refers to the distinguished Dr. H. C. Cunningham, Mayor of his city, who is also cognizant of the alarming proportions of his rupture previous to his applying to Dr. Sherman, and of his present state of soundness.

Such indubitable proofs are what make Dr. Sherman's treatment so popular and eagerly sought after.—*Globe Democrat*, March 23, 1876.

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MR. CHACE, PRESIDENT OF THE RAILROAD COMPANY, WRITES IN THE FOLLOWING EMPHATIC TERMS:

MANUAL AND ST. JOSEPH R. R. CO., }  
KANSAS CITY, May 15, 1877.

*Dr. J. A. Sherman, Park Row, New York:*

DEAR SIR:—Four weeks ago last Sunday you put your appliances on me in St. Louis, and I am most happy to inform you it has "satisfied" me in every particular. Although at the time I deemed your price exorbitant, I would not do without it and be compelled to subject myself to the Truss of others for a much larger amount. Long may you live. Truly yours,

C. A. CHACE,  
1231 West Twelfth Street.

## Rupture Radically Cured by Dr. J. A. SHERMAN'S METHOD

What MR. B. T. SMITH, OF ST. LOUIS, SAYS OF DR. SHERMAN'S  
TREATMENT.

Mr. B. T. Smith, formerly of Chicago, but now doing business in this city, at the house of Hickman and Wilson, 309 and 311 North Third street, says that when Dr. Sherman visited Chicago in 1870, and was adapting his rupture curatives, he applied to him for relief, having been ruptured many years. That he procured the doctor's treatment, and continued making the applications for several months and was cured; that he has been very active since, a period of over three years, without having the slightest symptoms of rupture. Mr. Smith is very sanguine, and strongly commends Dr. Sherman's method as a convenient, efficient, and, as no time is lost, economical means of cure.

WHAT MR. FRICKE, OF ST. LOUIS, SAYS ABOUT DR.  
SHERMAN'S TREATMENT:

*To the editor of the Dispatch:*

Being encouraged with what I read in your paper last year of Dr. Sherman's success in treating rupture, I applied to him and procured his treatment, which, I am happy to say, has entirely restored me. Previous to that time I had suffered sixteen years from rupture and trusses, which gives me a great deal of sympathy for those afflicted, and for whose interest alone I beg of you to publish this statement.

Oh, how happy I am, and how anxious I am for those ruptured to know where and to whom to apply for cure. I cannot express in words what I experienced in reality from the absence of rupture, but those who are suffering may realize something of it. Any further information I will cheerfully give to any one who may call at my place of business or residence.

St. Louis, Nov. 2, 1875.

HERMAN FRICKE.

618 N. Fifth St. Residence, 1515 Chambers St.

REV. J. YOUNG WRITES ABOUT DR. SHERMAN'S RUPTURE TREAT-  
MENT.

*To the Editor of the Globe Democrat, St. Louis:*

For the good only of the afflicted I add my testimony in favor of Dr. J. A. Sherman's treatment of Rupture, having myself been cured by it. Before I applied to him I suffered much annoyance and injury from the use of trusses; now I ride on horseback and preach without wearing any support, and feel as strong and well as ever I did. With confidence I recommend the afflicted to use his remedies.

J. C. YOUNG,

Jonesborough, Ill., Jan. 19, 1877.

Minister of the Gospel.

**Rupture Radically Cured by Dr. J. A. SHERMAN'S METHOD.**

Mr. H. F. RICE, of Nevada, writes :

*Dear Sir* :—I learn with much pleasure of your arrival in Virginia City, and as an act of justice to yourself and duty to the many who are suffering from Rupture, I take this early opportunity in offering my unqualified testimony in favor of your treatment. I have for more than twenty years been the victim of a single, and for more than ten years of a double rupture, from which, as well as the galling effects of the best trusses I have been able to procure, have been subject to great suffering. After pursuing your treatment for several months I find myself entirely restored, and for the past three months have discontinued the use of any remedies. I earnestly and confidently commend your treatment to the numerous victims of Rupture among our citizens.

Yours, very truly,

Carson City, September 21, 1875.

H. F. RICE.

Read what Mr. Rice writes to Mr. Gelzhueser, of St. Louis, and you will read such statements as Dr. Sherman's patients invariably give :

HENRY GELZHEUSER, Esq..

*Dear Sir* :—I am just in receipt of your favor of the 6th inst. Under the treatment I have received from Dr. Sherman I am entirely cured of a rupture of twenty years standing. All I said in the published letter alluded to is true. I was at the time Superintendent in the United States Mint here. I have been fourteen years agent for Wells, Fargo & Co., in this place. I have great faith in Dr. Sherman's treatment.

Yours, etc.,

Carson City, January 18, 1875.

H. F. RICE.

Read what Mr. Gelzheuser has experienced :

Dr. J. A. SHERMAN :

*Dear Sir* :—I am feeling better to-day than I have for twenty years. I have spent during that period at least \$2,400, and received no benefit whatever, except when I received treatment from you last winter. Thanks to the Lord I have got over my trouble now. Everything is in its proper place and I am sound once more. My friends, Messrs. Schenck and Lager are doing well, and are very much pleased with your treatment.

Yours truly, HENRY GELZHEUSER,

St. Louis, July 22, 1875.

Stall No. 3, South Market.

P. S.—There are several more of my friends anxious to get under your treatment.

From the *Tablet*, Jan. 29th, '76.

THEN AND NOW ; OR, THE OLD AND THE NEW WAY OF TREATING  
RUPTURE.

BY W. PRYOR M. D.

"KNOWLEDGE is power to accomplish, to enjoy, and these are the only temporal ends for which man was created. All knowledge confers this power. Thus how incalculably and in how many ways have recent discoveries in chemistry enhanced human happiness, of which the lucifer-match furnishes a home example. Increasing knowledge in agriculture is doubling the means of human sustenance. How immeasurably have modern mechanical improvements multiplied and cheapened all the comforts of life ! How greatly have steamboats and railroads added to the former stock of human success and pleasure ! Similar remarks apply to all other kinds of knowledge, and as it increases from age to age will it proportionally multiply all forms of human happiness. In fact, its inherent nature and legitimate effect is to promote every species of enjoyment and success. Other things being equal, those who *know* most by a law of things can both accomplish and enjoy the most ; while *ignorance*, instead of being bliss, is the greatest cause of human weakness, wickedness, and woe. Hence, to *enlighten* man is *the way* to reform and perfect him."

Thus it is that *errors* in philosophy, in science, in religion, in government, and in mechanical knowledge have done so much to obstruct human happiness. The *enlightened* portion of society perceives these great truths, and accordingly do all in their power to advance the science of mind and the noble mechanical inventions. But there is a large class of highly creditable and useful citizens who, from the nature of their pursuits and the defects of educations are compelled to defer to and depend upon others. If their advisers are blessed with true wisdom, they escape suffering ; but if, as is too often the case, they are puffed up with knowledge, falsely so called, they must encounter the "ills that flesh is heir too."

It becomes a matter of great importance to this interesting class to have correct notions for guidance—to know the *true* from the *false* light.

For ages the care of the body has been assigned to a special class—the doctors. When sickness invaded it, the doctor was consulted ; when an injury was sustained, the surgeon was appealed to for relief. If he is *practically* wise, all goes well. If brimful of prejudice, weak-minded and superficial, full of traditional prejudice, and believes in nothing true and beneficial originating outside of his profession, and that all is *humbug* that the colleges do not contrive and put before the public and that his opinion is to be the law in all things pertaining to medicine and surgery—if, I say, the doctor, the consulted physician, happens to be

a man full of these old-fogy, unprogressive notions, *unsuited to a practical age*, then the toiling millions, whose labors enrich the world and bless it by the fruits of their industry and genius, must necessarily suffer.

Now, is the cry of humbug, so frequently thrown at the head of new inventions and new opinions by this professional junto, to influence the masses? We say no, and respectfully refer to the records of history for a suitable reply—in the *mutability* of human opinions, and specially of the doctors. The discoverer of America was considered a humbug in his day: *time* has honored him as a benefactor. Harvey, who discovered the circulation of the blood, was denounced as a quack; time has wreathed his brow with immortal laurels. Fulton, who put the first steamboat on the Hudson, was hissed for his presumption; a grateful and appreciative posterity now testify to his merits. Blood letting was once the only cure for inflammation and fevers; *now* few presume to recommend it. Mercury was once indispensable in certain forms of disease; *now* it is a discarded and hurtful remedy. I might go on and multiply cases in every department of knowledge, but these suffice to show that what is *denounced in one age as a humbug becomes in the next a truth full of blessings*.

In surgery, two ideas govern; first, the *anatomy* of the body; second, the mechanical. The first is learned in the lecture-room, on the dead subject; the second in the device of the mechanical genius. Many operations in surgery demand mechanical skill almost exclusively. *Rupture or Hernia* is one of these. However skilled a surgeon may be here in his knowledge of the parts, he would prove a very bad adviser as regarded a suitable truss. We accordingly find few surgeons prepared to speak wisely of the best device for this dangerous affection: first because they have not made the truss as a *mechanical contrivance* a special study; and second, because there has not been till of late years any device adequate to cure or guard against the dangerous consequences of this truly distressing physical ill. All the so-called trusses are metallic springs, generally with large hard pads, pressing upon the spine and spermatic cord, thus producing injury to these delicate and important parts, and rendering the patient liable to impotency or paralysis, and subjecting him at all times to the hazards of strangulation and death.

Generally, the patient first applies to a surgeon, an apothecary, or a truss-maker for a truss. In some instances a palliation for a time ensues; in others it is only a vexation and an injury from the first. After trying these inefficient remedies the patient becomes discouraged and neglects himself, often to the peril of his life. The affliction is deceptive in its nature and progress, consequently many go for years with such little inconvenience that they become negligent and are *suddenly* taken with the symptoms and dangers of strangulated rupture.

This all happens from the multitude starting with a fatal mis-

take that hernia is not dangerous. The fact is, there is no affliction that requires so much care to ward off its evil consequences. We have *now* before the public a beneficent surgical invention for the relief and cure of hernia, not amenable to the cry of humbug from the doctors and the weak-minded, who receive the authority of others instead of proving for themselves, by actual trial, the claims of the inventor.

If the Divine test, "By their fruits ye shall know them," is applied to Dr. Sherman's appliances, they are amply vindicated. All who have tried them have had occasion to bless the Doctor for his ingenuity and skill. After the labor of thirty years he has perfected an appliance which thousands of persons in all ranks of society have testified to for its efficiency and simplicity; I had suffered for forty years, having in vain sought relief from all the different trusses recommended by the best surgeons. *Now* I am physically sound, and free from the anxieties of strangulation. No spring is used, no pads press upon the spine and the delicate spermatic cord. The pressure is applied exactly to the orifice where the gut escapes. The pads do not absorb moisture nor does the band rust; being made of a flexible composition, it is readily adapted to all the irregular surface of the body. Thus it is clean, comfortable, and worn without inconvenience both in summer and winter. Try it and be renewed.

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### A RAVING MANIAC.

HORRIBLE SUFFERING FROM STRANGULATED HERNIA—TERRIBLE RESULT OF USING TRUSSES—DRIVEN TO THE MAD HOUSE IN THE PRIME OF LIFE.

On Tuesday last, Mr. James Abner, living near Sacramento City, brought his daughter, some thirteen years of age, to this city, to be treated for rupture. His lady, who accompanied him, related the sad case of her brother. She said he was thirty-five years of age, and had been slightly ruptured for some time and wearing a truss, but by some accident his rupture slipped under the truss and became inflamed and strangulated, and he was in a state of indescribable agony for twenty-four hours before the physician succeeded in getting it back. The effect was so great upon his mind that he became a raving maniac, and had to be confined in the mad house for three months. It made a grievous impression upon her mind on account of her daughter being afflicted in the same way.

Mr. Abner took his daughter to Dr. Sherman, 240 Montgomery street, and is now hopeful of her being soon cured under his treatment, which he says is rational and satisfactory to him.

Mr. Abner was also highly gratified to find Dr. Sherman performs no operations in his method of cure, and that his daughter during treatment can attend school and play with as much comfort and agility as though she had no rupture, without the fear of its becoming strangulated.—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

The following are some of the powerful and mortifying ailments arising from the continual use of trusses. The afflicted should read, reflect and not deceive himself.

"Trusses undermine the constitution just as certain as the perpetual dripping of water wears away a stone. The force of the front pad upon the abdomen affects the bladder, and coming in contact, as it of necessity does, with the ligament tendons and spermatic cords, impairs their important functions to such an extent as to bring on the mortifying condition of impotency, peevishness and dejection of spirits, while the pressure across the lower part of the spine is productive of back ache, lumbago and kidney diseases. These complicated affections produced by using trusses compel the unfortunate sooner or later to look upon life as dispelling rather than inviting pleasures."

All the objections of the truss are overcome in the applications made in Dr. Sherman's method of cure, and the parts injured by the use of trusses restored to natural vigor and healthfulness.

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From the *New York Tablet*, March 11, 1876.

### PROGRESS AND PREJUDICE.

The most eminent physicians are generally credited with peculiar success in the treatment of some particular form or class of disease, and to which they devote all their talents and energies—hence we see one distinguished in the cure or relief of consumption, another as an oculist, others as surgeons, and so on; and their brethren defer to their ability in these specialties and consult with them in difficult cases. But is it not astonishing to find that an affliction, so common as to be found in almost every tenth man, and yet so grave in its probable results as to be an ever-present cause of misery, is almost without a well-defined and hopeful course of treatment by regular physicians? It is nevertheless a fact, and this affliction is rupture. If the patient calls on one of them, he is given some general directions (according to rule), told to wear a truss, and dismissed. Now, it is only stating a truism to say that the physical conformation of no two persons is exactly alike, and that in the use of an instrument such as a truss the greatest care should be used in its adjustment, or, instead of a relief and means of cure, it becomes a torture and increases the evil it was supposed or intended to abate.

We go further than this; we assert that a truss cannot cure a rupture. Is there not a variety of makes of these abominations continually being placed on the market, *all* being endorsed as the very best made? No two are alike, yet each declares that it is the only one constructed on correct principles. Now, we contend that,

even if a truss were all that is claimed for it, it should even then be applied only by those who have a thorough knowledge of the anatomy of the body, and able to intelligently direct the wearer in its use. Instead, the sufferer is turned over to the mercy of some apothecary or mechanic, who fit him as best they know how, and he is then left to his own resources. There is also as much need of care and watchfulness after a truss is adjusted as before, and for the excellent reason that, being defective or insufficient in principle or construction, certainty is never attained, and is necessarily unattainable. Is there, then, asks the reader, no cure for this dread affliction? We answer, there is—the continuous and persevering energies of one man, whose whole life has been devoted to the discovery and perfection of a means of relief and permanent cure for this difficult complaint. And complete and undoubted success has been achieved. We refer to Dr. J. A. Sherman, whose success is so remarkable. He uses no truss, simply a support, beautifully adjusted on scientific principles, and a curative preparation of his own invention. The very worst cases have entirely disappeared under the magic of his treatment, the patient not only obtaining instant relief, but being restored to the normal use of his bodily and mental powers at once. The change from a torturing truss to a light but thoroughly adequate support, in no wise interfering with a free use of all the organs, is a relief that none can imagine who have not experienced it. Like all meritorious inventions, the apparatus of Dr. Sherman's is quite simple, and a patient who has once used it would no more think of wearing a truss than he would of going back to the days of stage-coaching instead of steam.

But no man was ever yet successful without meeting with opposition and hosts of imitators. The former is fast disappearing, as the doctor's success cannot be questioned, and but a short time is necessary to effectually dispose of the latter; for humbugs soon die in the light of experience. Did Dr. Sherman have nothing else to point to as a recommendation than his long career, it would be alone a sufficient answer as to any question of his skill. But his thousands of restored patients are a proof of his skill that no deduction can injure. Hence we say to our readers, if you are afflicted, think once for yourself, as the general practitioner cannot, in the nature of things, have devoted sufficient time and study to this obstinate affliction which would enable him to intelligently treat it in its various forms; and as his opinions are often swayed by jealousy or prejudice, then we say examine Dr. Sherman's claims and credentials for yourself, and if he asserts he can thoroughly cure rupture, showing proofs which cannot be gainsaid, then we boldly tell you it is your duty to give him a candid and impartial hearing, though all the physicians in the land should cry. Humbug.

## DISEASES ARISING FROM RUPTURE AND TRUSSES.

The following are some of the dreadful maladies resulting from the displacement of the Viscera in Rupture, and which are aggravated by the truss when used to support the rupture :

Rupture becomes inflamed or strangulated, the early symptoms of which are colic pains, rumbling in the bowels, great anxiety, and when reaching its full stage, equalled only by the horrors of hydrophobia.

Rupture and trusses cause eventual nervous debility, impaired memory, indifference to amusements and stirring recreations, necessarily conducive to health and the prolongation of life.

Rupture and trusses cause kidney and bladder affections, among the most deplorable of which is Bright's disease of the kidneys, depressed and irritated condition of the bladder, some of the premonitory symptoms of which are occasional lassitude, drowsiness, back-ache, frequent disposition to urinate, inconstancy or uneasiness in retaining urine, change of color and deposits in the urine after standing several hours, and increasing indifference and inability to the social enjoyments of life.

Rupture and trusses cause premature check of the procreative functions, consequent loss of virility and a gradual extinction of the spark that animates and invigorates the relations of life in the domestic circle, and which inspires affection and devotion to the sacred institutions of marriage, morality and religion.

Rupture and trusses cause gradual and imperceptible undermining of the constitution, impairing the digestive functions and thereby inducing fevers of the worst type.

Rupture and trusses tax the energies and capacities of man, to a greater or less extent, in every stage of life, both in his physical, social relations and mental devotions, in the physical and mental pursuance of his business—in a word, it makes man less than man, and when from one or the other of the foregoing afflictions he begins to realize his mortifying condition he, indeed, becomes a creature of commiseration.

It is well known that the existence of Rupture, and the continued use of a Truss, affects a man's nervous system, destroys his energy and wastes away life more than age or labor. None of these terrible results follow the use of Dr. Sherman's remedies ; besides, during treatment the patient can exercise freely, ride on horseback, or perform any kind of labor with safety from the dangers of inflamed and strangulated rupture, and without interfering with the cure.

Dr. Sherman has pursued this branch of the profession for more than thirty-five years, has treated as many thousand ruptured patients, making his services, from such protracted experience and research, of the highest importance to the ruptured.

## A DOCTOR TELLS THE STORY.

*Over Fifty Years Ruptured—Uses more Trusses Than Any Living Man—Suffers Continually from Them—Tries Sherman's Treatment, and What He Says of it.*

The Doctor to the reporter: You must not publish my name with my statement, because I am so well known I will be annoyed to death with the ruptured coming to see me, but you may give my name to any inquirers at your office.

Sherman's treatment I can strongly recommend, and feel it a duty and blessing, arising from personal benefit, to do so.

The duration of my rupture I cannot definitely fix, for the reason that it is coeval with my remembrance. The first time I applied a truss was when I was twelve years of age, and as I am now nearly sixty-four, it must be much more than fifty years since I was first afflicted. Mine was a single rupture, but the distressing ailments arising from it I shudder to enumerate. I have used more trusses than any person I ever knew, and my experience has taught me to believe that, notwithstanding the rapid advance of surgery and the science of medicine during the past twenty years, Dr. Sherman's is the only effective and curative appliance in use. I speak qualifiedly when I say "curative." I never knew any one to be permanently cured by the use of a truss, but I have the best of evidence that Sherman's appliance has cured hundreds. As to my own case, the effect of his treatment has been most satisfactory. I first applied to him about two years ago, and I still wear his support, but the misery of the affliction has been entirely removed by its use. I have no pain. It gives me no trouble, and is a success. I feel good thinking what it has done for me and what it will do for others.

The gentleman who makes the foregoing statement is one of the most popular and extensive practitioners of medicine in the City of St. Louis. He has practiced here for the past twenty years. He applied to Dr. Sherman a physical wreck, being patched and braced up with two strong single trusses applied to one rupture. He was exceedingly sensitive and nervous, owing to his precarious situation. He is skillful as a physician, and hunted up and used the best trusses, but like every one who uses them for many years he was injured, yes, unavoidably injured, mortified and discomforted from witnessing the persistent increase of his rupture. His knowledge of the affliction, together with his sad personal experience, and the horrible deaths from strangulated rupture which he had doubtless witnessed in his extensive practice, added to his apprehensions. Now having been relieved from that mortifying and harrassing situation which he has been battling with for more than sixty years, no wonder that he feels happy and grateful, and would willingly give his name to the public in recommending Dr. Sherman's treatment if the mass of the people who knew him would not crowd him, asking a thousand questions, and annoy him during the little time of rest he is able to take from his extensive practice.

Dr. Sherman gives, by permission, the address of the Doctor making the foregoing statement—J. H. Barenburg, Wash Street,

St. Louis, Mo. Dr. B.'s mental and physical improvement may be partially realized from his remarks to Dr. S., at his office, in April, 1878, which are as follows:

"My associate physicians and friends generally ask me what I have been doing to improve my health so much. My answer has been: I went to Dr. Sherman; was relieved of my rupture. That is all I have done."

## THOMPSON RUPTURE CASE.

*Afflicted from Childhood—Suffers Truss Torture—Hears of Dr. Sherman—Goes to Him—What His Treatment has done.*

To the Editor of the *Globe-Democrat*:

I was a victim of rupture for many years, in fact as far back as I can remember, and was compelled to use trusses all the time, from which I was greatly annoyed. Fortunately, Mr. Henry Gelyhauser, of the South Market, strongly recommended me to go to Dr. J. A. Sherman, 5 South Fifth Street, telling me that he had been treated by the doctor, and was entirely cured. Knowing Mr. Gelyhauser for many years, I was much gratified with the information he gave me. A few days later I called on Dr. Sherman and obtained his treatment, which, I am happy to say, completely restored me. To those who know nothing of Dr. Sherman's method, I must say it is a good thing. It enabled me to exercise freely and work hard during the time I was being cured, without inconvenience. I give this information in hopes some one afflicted may be benefited by it. I am a clerk in the St. Louis Post-Office, eastern case, Distributing Department.

St. Louis, April 6, 1878.

J. R. THOMPSON.

## ANOTHER FARMER STORY

*His Rupture and Truss Harness Gone—Dr. Sherman's Treatment—What it Done for Him.*

To the Editor of the *Republican*:

As a duty to suffering humanity I wish to add my experience of Dr. J. A. Sherman's treatment of rupture. On the 20th day of April, 1877, I received his treatment for a right-side scrotal rupture, which I had been troubled with for many years. The result is most satisfactory to me, being convinced that I am completely cured.

At times, from the truss, and again from the rupture, before going to Dr. Sherman, I suffered so much annoyance, both in mind and body, that now realizing so much happy feeling from being relieved from both these sources of vexation—injury and danger—I would not be placed back again for the best farm in the State; no, nor for any amount of money. I am a farmer, must work, like to be able to work, and have worked as hard as any one can during this treatment, with comparatively no inconvenience, and with safety, consequently I feel

most happy in recommending Dr. Sherman's treatment to all who are afflicted with rupture, under the firm conviction that whoever tries it will be benefited beyond price. Farmers in my section may call on me, or others at a distance may write me if they wish any further information than I have here given. WM. COLEMAN.

MOUNT VERNON, ILL., March 9, 1878.

## MR. DORSEY'S RUPTURE.

*Goes to Dr. Sherman—The Result of His Treatment a Cure.*

DR. J. A. SHERMAN:

*Dear Sir:*—In June, 1876, I called on you for treatment of a right-side scrotal rupture, of six years' duration, and which at times caused distressing feelings.

After using your treatment several months I was entirely cured. God only knows how happy I am to be relieved from such a terrible thing as rupture. I am still at the house of A. B. Searing, of this place. I cheerfully recommend your treatment, and will give any information I can about it. With grateful feelings I remain yours truly,  
CHATSWORTH, ILL., April 4, 1878. JAMES T. DORSEY.

## FORTY-EIGHT YEARS RUPTURED!

*A Farmer's Case, and What He Says of Dr. Sherman's Treatment.*

To the Editor of the *Globe-Democrat*:

On the 16th day of April, 1877, I went to St. Louis to consult Dr. J. A. Sherman, by the recommendation of Mr. Solomon Harkey, of Hillsboro, who had been treated by the Doctor for rupture on both sides, from which he had suffered a great many years.

Mr. Harkey was so much benefited by Dr. Sherman's treatment, both in his rupture and general health, that he strongly urged me to go and try it.

I was ruptured from boyhood, more than 48 years, ruptured on both sides; was always trying the best trusses I could find, and always suffering from their use. Well, I went to Dr. Sherman, hoping to be as lucky as Mr. Harkey, and now I can say I have been, as the relief and benefit is more than tongue can tell. I absolutely feel ten years younger now than when I went to Dr. Sherman. I am already quite, if not perfectly, cured. I am a farmer, and have been able to work since I went to the Doctor, just as well as if I had no rupture. This is a good thing. I recommend it to the ruptured, for I would not be like I was before I went to Dr. Sherman for thousands of dollars. I have lived in Hillsboro 21 years, and what I state those who know me will indorse.  
HENRY BREMAN.

HILLSBORO, February 22, 1878.

## DR. KERLEY ON RUPTURE.

*What He Has to Say of Dr. J. A. Sherman's Treatment, after Testing it in His Wife's Case*

The following is from the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, April 30th, 1878:

To the Editor of the *Globe-Democrat*:

I am, and have been a practicing physician in this city for the past ten years. My office is at Ninth and Montgomery, and residence at Ferguson, St. Louis County, Mo. Recently I have had occasion to look carefully into Dr. J. A. Sherman's system of treating rupture, and now feel as though I would be rendering a service to the afflicted by directing their attention to it. I am well aware that any one having a rupture, either by neglect or injurious truss pressure, may at any moment be arrested with the horrors of strangulation.

That trusses have signally proved a failure as a palliative, much less curative medium, is fully realized by those who have given special attention to rupture, as well as by those who have had experience by their use. That they have a depressing influence upon the mental and nervous systems, and predispose and create organic diseases, is of itself more than sufficient to condemn their use. What, then, is to be done? As a relief, save in strangulated rupture, the surgeon's knife will not do. It is too hazardous, from the subsequent great danger of peritonical inflammation. The Wurtzer system, of plugging and clamping, the puncturing system, and other cruelly torturous modes, have proved fruitless and dangerous, from similar and other causes. And even if there were no dangers consequent upon such operations they would be generally impracticable, from the long confinement and suffering ensuing. These barbarous plans have had their day and necessarily given place to the march of science. Human suffering demanded relief, and artistic surgery has at last provided it. The method is simple and efficient. It is the result of Dr. J. A. Sherman's untiring pursuit of this special branch of the profession. It is practiced by him and offered to the public under the most satisfactory assurances. Family interest has compelled me to look into this Sherman system, and duty now prompts me to speak of it frankly. My wife has been the victim of rupture for the past seven years, and has suffered very much from it, notwithstanding I have from the first tried everything in the truss line. I have not only exhausted my own skill in her behalf, but I have had the assistance of some of the ablest physicians in this city, all to no purpose. I was always apprehensive from my wife's critical condition, and she frequently alarmed me with symptoms of strangulation.

Time and again she called my attention to articles published in your paper by Dr. Sherman's patients, and as often I promised to go and see the Doctor, but sickness and press of business kept me from doing so until recently.

Suffice it to say, that having a conversation with Dr. Sherman, and an explanation of his *modus operandi*, I was convinced of the cor-

rectness of his method, and resolved to have him treat my wife's case. My resolution has been satisfactorily sustained by the result. Since my wife received his treatment the rupture has not made its appearance, and though she could never wear a truss without suffering, she wears the Doctor's appliance with entire satisfaction, and finds no inconvenience from the accompanying treatment.

Dr. Sherman's theory is founded on scientific principles. He aims to assist nature to regain her normal condition, by acting upon the serous surfaces, exciting coagulable lymph, producing adhesions, and thus completely obliterating the hernial openings.

His manner of accomplishing this object is of little or no inconvenience to the patient. I speak of it from no other cause than the public good, feeling assured that whosoever applies to him will receive the relief hoped for.

R. M. KERLEY, M. D.

St. Louis, April 29, 1878.

## WHAT ROWE, A FARMER, WRITES

To the Editor of the *Globe-Democrat*:

Having been afflicted with rupture, and suffered from the use of trusses to protect it, I was happily induced to call at Sherman's office, 5 South Fifth Street, St. Louis, from reading his advertisement in the *Christian Advocate*.

This was the year before last. Sherman's treatment has afforded me a world of satisfaction, besides having restored me to a state of soundness equal to any one who has never been ruptured. For months I have used no support, as I have no need for any.

Thus having proved Sherman's method of treating rupture a success, as well as having proved the use of trusses to be both annoying and injurious, I feel it my duty to suffering humanity to make these things known, in the hope that others afflicted may secure the restoration and happiness which I now enjoy.

Truly, the feeling of being cured of rupture cannot be conveyed in words.

And another great advantage is that during the time of treatment I was enabled to be active in my business, which is farming, not flinching from any task; and so I have gone on since I discontinued the application of Sherman's remedies, without being conscious, from any symptoms, that I had ever been ruptured. From this condition of things I feel every assurance of being perfectly sound, and that I can do no greater favor to those who are ruptured than recommend to their consideration Sherman's treatment.

T. J. ROWE.

CENTRALIA, Mo., February 12, 1878.

## MR. W. W. ASH to DR. SHERMAN.

DR. J. A. SHERMAN:

*Dear Sir:*—About twelve years ago I became afflicted with rupture, which caused a burning sensation, as the orifice seemed to en-

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**Medical Review of Dr. J. A. Sherman's System of Treating Rupture.** Art Triumphant—No More use for the Surgeon's Knife—Extract from the Medical and Scientific Reviewer. The annals of surgical and therapeutic discovery are replete with illustrations of the patient zeal and industry practiced by advanced thinkers of the professions, many of whose experiments have brought forth the richest rewards to themselves and inestimable blessings to the suffering. Among the most painful and dangerous afflictions, as well, also, as one of the most obstinate, to which mankind is subject is hernia. For many years Dr. J. A. Sherman, of New York, appreciating the doubtful character of the treatment administered by all schools of surgery and physic, made a special study of rupture, with the view of relieving the unfortunate suffering from that dreadful affliction.

The method practiced by Dr. Sherman consists, first, in discarding the old trusses, of whatever patent or kind; he rightfully maintains that these are but instruments of torture, and, instead of relieving, only serve to aggravate and increase the rupture by pressing so as to enlarge the orifice and inflame the parts, thereby increasing the danger of strangulation. The next step to Dr. Sherman's treatment consists in the adaptation of his appliance, which is specially fitted to the patient in such a manner that the hernia is reduced by a gentle pressure and then held in place, while the exudation of lymph, nature's curative in the human system for all infractions, is excited by the application on the surface of a compound discovered and prepared by the doctor.

This treatment, so logical and simple, releases the patient from all pain and produces an invariable cure without interfering with his customary duties.

The claim here made by Dr. Sherman's unexampled success in the treatment of rupture finds demonstration in the thousands of unsolicited testimonials and letters of grateful thanks which have appeared in medical journals crediting the doctor with cures so remarkable as to excite the wonder, not only of patients, but of the profession as well. His discovery must, therefore, take rank with the most valuable conclusions and results reached by therapeutic research, and place him upon a plane of general recognition as a benefactor of the race.

## REMARKABLE RESULTS.

### INTERVIEW WITH A NUMBER OF PROMINENT CITIZENS ON DR. SHERMAN'S TREATMENT FOR RUPTURE.

*By a Reporter of the St. Louis Republican, and published in that paper Feb. 21st, 1878.*

#### What they say Respecting their Condition before and after Treatment.

The age in which we live is undoubtedly a period of dangerous charlatanism, against which we have constantly to guard by directing suspicion against every declaration not within strict accord with facts as we have demonstrated them. But while justly suspicious, our wariness should never be permitted to degenerate into prejudice, lest we suffer greater injury thereby than we should have experienced through the operations of a charlatan upon our susceptibilities.

About four years ago, Dr. J. A. Sherman, of New York, visited this city professionally, offering his services and remedies to those suffering from rupture. Some there were who applied to him, but hundreds of our citizens victims of this dreadful affliction, looked upon his profession as they do upon scores of others to whom they had applied in vain for relief. But each repeated visit of Dr. Sherman since has served to increase his popularity until now every claim he makes has been clearly proven, viz., that he has discovered a treatment for the cure of hernia without the use of knife, or the application of galling and exasperating trusses.

The New York papers have, from time to time, contained editorials on the remarkable success of Dr. Sherman's new treatment for rupture, but without accepting their conclusions, our reporter has obtain-

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ed statements from the following well-known citizens, who have been treated by the doctor, and in giving them publicly we are only performing a duty which humanity enjoins :

THOMAS C. BUTLER,

An employee of the Union Stock Yards, whose residence is at No. 825 Bremen Avenue, answered the reporter's inquiries of his experience with Dr. Sherman substantially as follows: "I was a sufferer from a single rupture for seventeen years, and my troubles in consequence were more than words can express. I wore trusses until my back-bone was permanently injured, without obtaining the slightest relief to my rupture. Often when working I have been compelled to lie down suddenly and elevate my feet to prevent strangulation. I employed the best physicians, but never received any benefit until I called on Dr. Sherman, which I was induced to do by reading so many favorable statements in the papers from those he had treated. My first visit to him was made in March last, and now I feel as well as ever I did in my life. People generally have a prejudice against specialists, but my experience confirms me in the belief that Dr. Sherman is one of the greatest benefactors of the age; at least, I would not be without the benefits I derived from his treatment for thousands of dollars."

REV. RUDOLPH JOHN,

Pastor of the St. Paul Lutheran Church, made the following statement: "I was ruptured on both sides for twelve years. I endured the greatest pain and used numerous trusses, all without effect save to increase my difficulties, until at length I became almost helpless, being unable even to get into my buggy. I applied to Dr. Sherman two years ago, and his treatment has given me the greatest relief. I am free from pain, and though I am not yet entirely cured, owing, no doubt, to my advanced age, being now sixty-two, I am still improving, and with proper care I believe my cure will yet be radical. I can now attend to my duties as well as ever, and my gratitude to Dr. Sherman is inexpressible."

CHARLES HOPPE, ESQ.,

President of the Charles Hoppe & Son Malting Company, said: "My experience with Dr. Sherman warrants me in pronouncing his treatment the most effective of any I ever tried. I have been a sufferer from rupture for several years, and I tried every kind of truss I could hear of, but they all aggravated rather than relieved my affliction. Two years ago I became a patient of Dr. Sherman's, and his treatment of me has been successful. His appliance is not in the least uncomfortable, and though I am not yet radically cured—owing, doubtless, to my lack of attention—yet I feel no inconvenience, and attend to my business with the same facility I did before being ruptured."

B. T. SMITH,

Foreman of B. A. Hickman's trunk factory, replied to questions from the reporter as follows: "I was afflicted with a single rupture for sixteen years, which I was unable to relieve by the use of any truss obtainable. It was exceedingly painful, and caused me the greatest trouble. In 1870, while doing business in Chicago, I saw one of Dr. Sherman's circulars, he being at the same time in that city. With many feelings of doubt I applied to him. At the first visit he examined me, and during the second visit treated me and furnished me his curative preparation, which I used as directed, and had no occasion to call on him again. Eight months afterwards I left off the bandage, and in 1871, being in New York, I visited Dr. Sherman, who, after examination, pronounced me cured, since which time I have been as sound as ever before in my life."

SENECA B. SPROULE,

Of the commission house of Whybark & Co., No. 119 Market Street, made the following statement: "In April, 1876, I visited Dr. J. A. Sherman at his office, No. 5 South Fifth Street, this city, and went under his treatment for hernia on the left side. In a short time afterwards I was examined by a leading physician, who pronounced the orifice completely closed. His treatment of me was a speedy and perfect success. I would not be without one of his appliances, when ruptured, for any consideration, even if it did not cure, because of the comfort it affords. I have had two attacks of strangulated rupture in my life, from which

I suffered intensely, but with his treatment I feared no danger nor anticipated the least annoyance, in addition to which there is no possible chance of injuring the spine, a result so liable by use of the old steel truss. Ten thousand dollars would be no inducement to me to remain without one of his appliances when suffering as I did before I went to him. I have tried numerous remedies and trusses, but Dr. Sherman's treatment is the only one I ever found that would give permanent relief to a ruptured person."

HENRY BRANDEWEIDE, ESQ.,

Tobacconist at No. 523 Market Street, said: "I was ruptured on the left side when a boy, and underwent the misery of that affliction for more than ten years. I was treated here by two of our best physicians for a long while, but to no purpose. I then went to Cooper Institute, New York, where, after remaining some time, was told nothing could be done for me, and a truss was applied. I then went to the American Institute, Philadelphia, where I remained several months, but receiving no benefits, I left and went to Chicago, where I was treated by a number of physicians, without effect. I wore trusses until another rupture appeared on my right side, when I abandoned all hope of being cured and returned home. In February, 1877, I called on Dr. Sherman, and was treated by him so successfully that more than three months ago my rupture had disappeared, and I now feel thoroughly and radically cured."

#### STATEMENT OF A WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN.

The reporter called upon one of our prominent citizens, Mr. Henry Gelzheuser, Stall No. 3, South Market, who made the following extraordinary statement: "I became ruptured on the right side about twenty-five years ago, and spent twenty-three years of that time in constant suffering. I used trusses only a short time when I became ruptured also on the left side. My condition gradually grew worse, and I underwent the treatment of a score of city physicians and exhausted every means obtainable in the city without experiencing any benefit whatever. I visited South America, Mexico and California, in a vain search for a physician who could cure me, and when I returned to St. Louis my condition was much more deplorable than when I left, for my double rupture extended nearly to my knees. I twice visited the bridge with a firm intention of throwing myself into the river and thereby end my suffering, but my courage failed me at the last moment. Four years ago I applied to Dr. J. A. Sherman, who was then here on his first visit treating rupture. Without entering into the details of his treatment upon me, I will say that I am now radically cured, having more than two years ago discontinued the treatment, and have been actively engaged ever since in business, which requires considerable physical exertion, without experiencing the slightest symptom of the old trouble."

The above gentlemen are only a few of our citizens whom Dr. Sherman has treated successfully for rupture in all its aggravating stages, but these statements are sufficient to prove beyond question his ability to cure one of the most terrible of all human afflictions, of however long standing. One of the numerous advantages which his patients appreciate and commend is, that during the treatment they are not restricted in diet and can attend to business with as great activity as if never ruptured.

MR. E. G. WEBSTER,

A State Legislator of Illinois, writes as follows of his son's case:

To the Editor of the *Globe-Democrat*:

You will oblige me by publishing the following facts: My son, Park, was afflicted with right-side scrotal rupture for more than nine years. He wore a great many kinds of trusses, the best I could obtain, yet he was annoyed and injured by them, as the rupture increased. When Dr. Sherman was in St. Louis last year, I took my son to him, and he was soon much relieved, and for more than two months has been entirely cured, besides his general health is much better than while he was ruptured. As I am well known, having been elected to the Legislature for two terms, I make this statement with the impression that some one suffering with rupture will be benefited by it. Like myself, there are many discouraged by their repeated disappointments in seeking help, who will be gratified to learn of the efficacy of Dr. Sherman's treatment.

UPPER ALTON, ILL., February 27, 1878.

E. G. WEBSTER.

## A Boston Merchant's Communication to the Herald about Dr. Sherman's Rupture Cure.

To the Editor of the *Herald*:

I was a sufferer from rupture about twenty years. At first it was slight. I used what was recommended to me as the best truss in Boston. I received no benefit, and was always annoyed from chafing and pressure, while my rupture was growing worse and worse. My nervous system became affected, my general health wrecked, and I was rapidly approaching physical and mental ruin. Pains and aches in my bowels, breast, back and head, consequently cross and indifferent towards others and unfitted for the enjoyment of society or attention to my business. I consulted several doctors, all differing in opinion as to my trouble—dyspepsia, kidney affections, liver complaint, and everything they attributed them to but the effect of my rupture and truss. On one occasion, when I was summoned as a jury-man, my physician gave me a certificate to the effect that I had nervous dyspepsia, and was not able to serve as a jury-man, which certificate excused me. About two years ago, I accidentally heard of Dr. Sherman's successful treatment of rupture, and lost no time in going to New York to consult him. After having an examination of my case, from what he told me I had confidence in him and went under his treatment. From this time I improved. With unbounded satisfaction and a sense of happiness, which I cannot describe, I have been cured of the rupture, and with it disappeared all the afore-named complaints. My general health is daily improving; my friends note and speak of it. I know there are thousands suffering from rupture, who are skeptical from repeated disappointments in seeking relief, consequently I make this statement as a well-known citizen of Boston, believing that if they should consult Dr. Sherman, and receive the benefit of his treatment, they will thank me.

It will afford me great pleasure at all times to give any further information to any one who wishes to see me personally. My place of business is at 2334 and 2336 Washington Street.

Boston, Nov. 21, 1878.

B. W. FELTON.

## Mr. McKee's Communication about Dr. J. A. Sherman's treatment of his case.

To the Editor of the Boston *Herald*:

I was badly afflicted with Rupture for many years, and a great sufferer. Last November I heard of Dr. J. A. Sherman, 43 Milk Street, Boston, and went to see him. I felt encouraged from what he told me after he examined my case, and decided to take his treatment. In looking over his Illustrated Book, page 11, I found my case was in size like that of Mr. Theodore Niederhausen. The doctor's treatment soon gave me relief, and I felt exultant as I witnessed my improvement. I could work with safety, and without that feeling of lassitude and weariness that was wearing out my life. I often felt happy in thinking how fortunate it was for me that I heard of Dr.

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Sherman. My friends are daily congratulating me on my improved condition. Though but 40 years of age when I applied to Dr. Sherman, I felt like one of 70. The change from then to now is truly wonderful. I have neither seen nor felt my rupture for some time; feel as if I am perfectly sound, though it seems impossible for such a radical change in so short a time. I used to be despondent and indifferent to the amusement of my children. Now my happiness is theirs. They never go to bed but they pray for the health of Dr. Sherman. I feel grateful for what he has done for me, and make this public statement for the benefit of others suffering.

VALLEY FALLS, R. I., Aug. 10, 1879. WILLIAM McKEE.

### Rev. John Alden's Communication concerning Dr. J. A. Sherman's Rupture Treatment.

To the Editor of the *Herald*:

Justice to suffering humanity urges me to make the following statement: About 40 years since I was afflicted with hernia. I obtained a truss called the best, but it was not effectual. Since then I have bought a number of different kinds, none of which have prevented the increase of the rupture. Every one of these badly affected my back. I have suffered all but death at times in attempts to reduce the rupture. I have been constantly growing poor in body, and often much alarmed, lest it should so enlarge that no remedy could save me.

A few weeks since I was induced to go to Boston to consult Dr. Sherman. Having failed so many times, and being over 70 years of age, I had my fears when he expressed the opinion that I might be relieved and cured. His recommendations, though good, were out of New England, and I could therefore see no one who had been treated. But I concluded something must be done *immediately*, or life and *usefulness* must end. I took his treatment and the effect thus far is truly wonderful. I find his treatment truly *scientific, practical and safe*. There being no pressure on the spine is one great source of relief.

A sudden cough or strain, that started the rupture in all the trusses I had used, has no effect on his *appliance*, and I am happily gaining strength and courage. With my already improved condition, contrasted with my former suffering, I can most heartily recommend those afflicted with this *dangerous* malady to try his skill and remedies while they have the opportunity.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 25, 1879. REV. JOHN ALDEN.

### Rev. John Alden writes of his continued success.

Dr. J. A. SHERMAN, 43 Milk Street, Boston:

DEAR SIR—Your appliances for my hernia is a great success. It is now some eight months since your treatment was adapted to my case, and it has given me great relief, such, indeed, as I never expected to obtain. Although the breach is not perfectly closed, yet I have from it no inconvenience in the performance of my physical

exercise. I would not be without your treatment for many times what it cost. I have gained in flesh and more in buoyancy of spirits.

May God bless you in your great and meritorious work is the desire of your greatly benefited friend.

PROVIDENCE, August 11, 1879.

REV. JOHN ALDEN.

This is the most convincing proof any one can have of the value of Dr. J. A. Sherman's treatment. Mr. Alden is a distinguished preacher, well known throughout the Eastern States, having been agent for foreign missions over northern New England, and for the American and Foreign Bible Society for southern New England. His life has been devoted to the good of mankind, and his recommendation of the afflicted to Dr. Sherman evidently is for their benefit.

## REV. HENRY JEWELL.

What he says about Dr. J. A. Sherman's Rupture Treatment.

For fifteen years I have been ruptured and worn a variety of trusses, none of which seemed to be what I needed.

You will remember that I called on you last spring and took your treatment. I am doing very well, and so far as I can judge your treatment will be entirely successful.

The relief of the spine in your method I deem of signal advantage.

I most fervently wish that the many who are now suffering with the malady in question could come under your skillful care.

Allow me to say here that I know some of those whose emphatic indorsement you have in your book, namely, Rev. Joshua V. Himes, whom I knew in the West, and Dr. Th. J. Harper, a very popular and aged physician of Vicksburg, Miss. Dr. H. attended me when sick in V., and has been for more than thirty years my brother's family physician.

Yours truly,

REV. HENRY JEWELL.

Malden, Mass., August 4, 1879.

To Dr. J. A. SHERMAN, 43 Milk Street, Boston.

Mr. Jewell is an eminent preacher, well known in Boston and vicinity and in some parts of the West, having been settled as a preacher in Rome, N. Y., Cincinnati, O., and Terre Haute, Ind., where his eloquence and zeal were appreciated by large and intelligent congregations. His indorsement of Dr. J. A. Sherman's successful method for the relief and cure of hernia must be highly satisfactory to those interested.

## A Boston Patient writes:

Dr. J. A. SHERMAN :

DEAR SIR—I write to inform you of the condition of my rupture. I am getting along well, and believe that I will be wholly cured by

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next Fall. Please send me a bottle of your compound, as I have but enough left for a few days.

Yours truly,

JAMES MISOCHI,

Boston, June 24, 1879.

37 North Square.

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**Mrs. H. Carsley writes :**

Dr. J. A. SHERMAN :

DEAR SIR—Since Mr. Carsley last saw you in Boston I have been improving—have had no pain or trouble with my rupture since the 22d day of February. The appliance is very easy and comfortable, and although I have worked harder all the spring than for years, my health is very much improved. I am very grateful to God that he is blessing the means prepared by you for my relief and the hope of a final cure.

MRS. HIRAM CARSLY.

LYNN, Mass., June 20, 1879.

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**Another Boston Patient writes :**

Dr. J. A. SHERMAN :

DEAR SIR—I now write to let you know about my rupture. I am getting along finely. I have not the least pain or trouble, no matter how hard I work. I have no more pain in my back : it has all left me entirely. Please send me a bottle of the Curative Compound. I have been examined by several doctors, and they say the treatment is a good thing and lucky for me to get it, as in my business I have so much hard work—stooping and lifting. I keep your book on the parlor table, as our house is largely patronized by traveling agents and merchants. The book has been looked over so much it is soiled. Please send me another. I received your treatment March 19, 1879.

Respectfully yours,

FRANCIS FAGG,

Boston, Mass., June 22, 1879.

No. 1 Wesley Place.

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**Mr. A. F. Dyer writes as follows :**

Dr. J. A. SHERMAN, 43 Milk Street, Boston :

Dear Sir: I have been under your treatment about eleven months. Went to your office, 251 Broadway, New York, where I obtained it, and I never felt so well, after I became Ruptured as I have since that time. I am getting along finely, and would heartily recommend your treatment to any one afflicted with Rupture.

I am respectfully,

A. F. DYER.

Charlestown, Mass., Aug. 11, 1879.

57 Washington St.

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**James R. Brewer, Editor Baltimore Daily News, writes :**

Dear Doctor: I suppose you will be surprised to hear from me again, but I want a couple more bottles of your application to make, I hope, a permanent and complete cure of my case. I have, so far, very good control over my hernia, the parts merely projecting in a

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little knot about the size of the end of my little finger, which are very hard to replace, showing that the orifice must be very small now compared with what it was when I first began to use your treatment. Even this much does not come down unless I leave the appliance off and walk without it. I think two more bottles of the liquid application will completely cure me of my rupture, which, you will remember, was a very large one and of very long standing. Please forward the curative and oblige yours, truly and gratefully.

JAMES R. BREWER.

To DR. J. A. SHERMAN, 251 Broadway, New York.  
Baltimore Daily News Office, July 16, 1879.

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**Extract from Mr. James Fagan's Letter.**

DR. J. A. SHERMAN:

Dear Sir: Your treatment is doing wonders for me. I feel like a new man mentally and physically.

Respectfully,

J. FAGAN.

Portland, Me., March 7, 1879.

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**Mrs. M. E. Fagan's letter concerning her husband's progress.**

DR. J. A. SHERMAN.

Dear Sir: I have just received your letter to my husband inquiring after his health, and in his absence take the liberty to reply at once. He is at present at Faulkner's Island. I am happy to say, as he would be, that he is, and has been, doing splendidly ever since you saw him in Boston, and commenced treating his case of rupture the 8th day of February last. He said just before he went away that he thought he was entirely cured, but of course would continue to use the appliance until he could see you, or indeed all his life, for all the trouble it was to him. He has never lost a day's work on account of his rupture since he took your treatment. He has been out of the Curative for some time, and if you think he needs more, please send by express. He has heartily recommended your treatment and would join with me in saying there is nothing equal to it for the relief of rupture. I thank you for the interest you have taken in his behalf. Will write him, and if possible he will call and see you on his return.

Respectfully,

Mrs. M. E. FAGAN, 4 High St., Ct.

Portland, Me., August 7, 1879.

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The following, from a well-known Bostonian, gives ample assurance of the efficacy of Dr. Sherman's Treatment.

H. F. RICE TO DR. W. PRYOR.

W. PRYOR, M. D., 1410 Olive Street, St. Louis—Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your favor of the 28th ultimo, inquiring of me whether I was cured of rupture by the appliances of Dr. J. A. Sherman. My answer is that I was.

While residing in Boston in 1850, and in the express business, under the name of Fisk & Rice, Office, Court Square, I was ruptured on the right side. I purchased a truss of Dr. Phelps, on Tremont Street, opposite the Tremont House, about 1863 or 1864, and since I resided here I became ruptured on the left side too, and of course was obliged to wear a double truss, and from this time on I suffered great agony from all the trusses I could find. I was on a trip to Boston in the Spring of 1871, and got a truss made by a brother of Dr. Phelps who made my single one; but this, like all the double ones I had tried, soon gave me great pain. While subject to these torments, I saw the advertisement of Dr. Sherman, in the San Francisco papers, opened a correspondence with him, and then visited him, I think in April, 1873, and commenced his treatment. On the following March, about eleven months after, I abandoned the appliances which he had given me, and have never used, or had occasion to use either since. I am perfectly and fully cured of a rupture of over twenty years standing.

I cannot too strongly commend to all afflicted in the same way, the use of Dr. Sherman's appliances.

I have been a resident of this place for sixteen years, and there is not a state or United States official who does not know me.

Very truly,

H. F. RICE.

Carson City, Nev., March 8, 1876.

Dr. R. M. Kurley, an eminent Physician, writes to a  
Boston enquirer.

W. H. PRESCOTT, Esq., Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir: For the last year I have been living at Ferguson, Mo. Yours of the 7th instant to hand this A. M., inquiring about Dr. J. A. Sherman's treatment. If you have a hernia, or rupture sometimes called, go, by all means, and consult Dr. Sherman. He has the most perfect cure for it I have ever met with. He made a perfect cure upon my wife. If you see Dr. Sherman present my regards; tell him to write to me.

Yours respectfully,

R. M. KURLEY, M. D.

Ferguson, Mo., Feb. 11, 1879.

Mr. P. J. McCullough's Communication to the Boston Daily  
Herald, of his cure of Double Rupture.

*To the Editor of the Herald:* Seeing so much about Dr. J. A. Sherman, I will give my experience about his treatment:

I was ruptured on both sides for twelve years, and during that time, I used different trusses to no purpose, save annoyance from pressure, excoriation, injury, and the mortification of seeing my trouble gradually augmenting. I casually heard of Dr. J. A. Sherman's success in the cure of this ailment, and went to his office, 251 Broadway, New York, last October, and procured his treatment, which has been a source of great satisfaction and comfort to me from the first day.

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enabling me to work and attend to my business, which is that of a stonecutter, with as much vigor and ambition as though I was not ruptured; besides the relief, the improvement has continued until I now feel myself entirely cured. Can exercise without appliance, without feeling any more symptoms of rupture. This test leads me to regard his treatment as invaluable to the ruptured, and prompts me to recommend it to their attention with full confidence that it will relieve and cure them. My place of business is 91 Liberty Street.

Lynn, Mass., Aug. 12, 1879.

P. J. McCULLOUGH.

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Mr. W. D. Brackett, writes about Dr. J. A. Sherman's Treatment.

*To the Editor of the Herald:* For the benefit of the public I make the following statement: Last winter I called on Dr. J. A. Sherman, 43 Milk Street, and was treated by him for a right side rupture, from which I had suffered a great deal. I have done well under his treatment, and believe I am now quite, if not entirely, cured. A short time after I received his treatment I felt so well satisfied that I rode in my wagon twelve miles to see Mr. Lane, of Salem, being aware of the fact that he was suffering from a bad rupture. He said he had tried so many things and received no benefit that he was afraid it would be of no use, but, said he, as you have felt so much interest in me as to come here on purpose to get me to go and see Dr. Sherman, I will do so. He went, consulted the doctor, took his treatment, has been greatly benefited, and often said to me when we have been talking about Dr. Sherman, that he would not take \$5000 and be in the same condition he was when he went to see him. In April last, he recommended a friend of his, Mr. Wilkinson, Salem, who was suffering from a bad rupture, to go to Dr. Sherman.

He went to Dr. Sherman's New York office, was treated by him with such success as to make him feel very proud. Mr. W. is a large man; his rupture had not been reduced for many years, and he was a great sufferer. I have heard from him frequently, and he is doing well.

As there is now an effort made by another party advertising himself Dr. Sherman by which I was misled and discourteously treated when the party learned I was looking for Dr. J. A. Sherman, I feel that I am but doing my duty to the afflicted in reminding them to be sure and consult Dr. J. A. Sherman, feeling that they will receive the same benefit at his hands as I and my friends have received.

Ipswich, Mass., Aug. 1, 1870.

W. D. BRACKETT.

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Mr. Charles G. Sargent, writes as follows:

DR. J. A. SHERMAN.

Dear Sir: I received your treatment in Boston, 27th of last February. Case progressing finely. Please send me some more of the Curative application by express.

Springfield, Mass., May 25, 1879.

CHAS. G. SARGENT.

**Extract from Mr. William L. Hawkins' Letter, concerning  
his Cure.**

DR. J. A. SHERMAN.

Dear Sir: It is now more than a year since I went under treatment by you. I am confident that I am cured. I shall have nothing further to report of my case, as I have considered myself cured for months.

Respectfully yours,

W. L. HAWKINS.

Thomas Run P. O., Hartford County, Md., March 2, 1879.

On reference to my case book I find that Mr. Hawkins was treated at my Baltimore Office, Dec. 12, 1878. He is a farmer, 34 years, of age, and had been ruptured from infancy, and suffered greatly from the use of trusses.

**Extract of Mr. John Turner's letter relative to his progress.**

DR. J. A. SHERMAN, 43 Milk St., Boston.

Dear Sir: I write to inform you that I am getting along nicely. Your appliance is the best thing that I ever used. I don't feel the least bit of inconvenience, and should advise any one that is ruptured to call and see you and procure your treatment.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN TURNER, JR.

Maynard, Mass., August 6, 1879.

**W. A. Hopkins, Ninth National Bank, New York, writes a  
Boston enquirer, as follows:**

W. R. KIMBALL, Esq.

Dear Sir: Your letter received and contents noted. I was fully cured of my rupture by Dr. J. A. Sherman about ten years ago; have been a sound man ever since. You may rest assured there is no humbug about the doctor; that I can vouch for myself. If you are ruptured I would advise you to place yourself under his treatment, as I know you will never have cause to regret it.

Respectfully yours,

W. A. HOPKINS.

Ninth National Bank, New York, March 8, 1879.

**Mr. Henry A. Parker, a Boston patient, writes:**

DR. J. A. SHERMAN, 43 Milk Street, Boston.

Dear Sir: After suffering from hernia the past eighteen years, and using all the best trusses to be found in Boston, with no apparent good and continued suffering, in December last, by the recommendation of Mr. B. W. Felton, a merchant, 2334 Washington Street, Boston, I placed myself under your treatment, and I am now very happy to inform you that your treatment has been a success in my case. Your appliance has from the first kept my rupture perfectly in place, which was never before accomplished. I have followed your instruc-

tions carefully, and I am now hopeful, which I never before was, of a final cure. I have advised others ruptured to consult you, and shall continue to take pleasure in recommending your treatment to those afflicted in that way, regarding it priceless as a means of present relief and eventual cure.

Yours truly,

HENRY PARKER.

Mr. Parker is engaged in mercantile business, and his endorsement of Dr. J. A. Sherman's treatment for that mortifying and dangerous infirmity is worthy the consideration of every one troubled in that direction.

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Mr. Waldo A. Howland, a Boston Patient, writes:

Dear Doctor: I am pleased to hear that you are back at your old office again. As regards your treatment, I am highly pleased with it. I am doing the heaviest work in the office, and your appliance never becomes displaced, and is just as easy to wear as any part of my clothing. I have nearly used up the last bottle of Curative you sent me, and would like you to send me another if I do not come to see you next week. I make two applications a day, as I sleep from three to four hours every afternoon and a little longer at night, for I work part night and day. It gives me great pleasure to inform you that I have converted some of the most sceptical in regard to the superiority of your appliance, both here and in East Boston. One gentleman from East Boston will probably call on you for treatment. With my best wishes for your future prosperity, I am your patient.

WALDO A. HOWLAND, Printer.

Lowell, Mass., August 1, 1879.

146 School St.

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To the Editor of the Globe-Democrat:— St. Louis, May 24, 1879.

My son was a sufferer from rupture for many years, causing great anxiety in our family. By the recommendation of Mr. Charles Hoppie, we took him to Dr. J. A. Sherman, 5 South 5th street, in May, 1878, for treatment, since which time he has not suffered any, has improved in health, and besides is now entirely cured. I felt it a duty to humanity to make this public statement, that the sufferers from rupture may know where to apply for relief. My experience of the use of trusses in my son's case was terribly vexing, hence I feel great pleasure in recommending Dr. Sherman's treatment. My address is 717 Hickory Street.

C. KREIBOHN.

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**Heartfelt Testimony.—Jackson Brake's Grandson Cured of Double Rupture.**

Dr. J. A. SHERMAN.—Dear Sir: With hearts overflowing with gratitude toward you for curing our dear boy of rupture, we all say, God bless Dr. Sherman, may his life be spared many years.

You will remember my grandson, Herbert B. Young, was ruptured from two months old, was ruptured on both sides, and always before taking him to you the family were worrying about him; but

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from the time you treated him we all gained confidence, and, after four month's use of your appliance and compound, we found him entirely cured.

Before we took him to you he was very poor and always sickly, whereas now he is well all the time—we feel like having you published all over the world, so the ruptured may go to you for cure.

I first noticed your advertisement in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. When I talked of going to you, everybody said you was a humbug; not to go; and after I did go, and paid the money, I was hooted at and told that Dr. Sherman would never return to St. Louis; and that the boy never could be cured.

Thank God! you did come back, and we all know that our dear boy is as sound as a dollar

Words can not express our joy at having him cured, and we spare no pains in letting everybody know it.

We never did, nor could, regret the money paid even if it was ten times the amount.

With many blessings and good wishes, I remain your friend.

JACKSON BRAKE.

Ridge Prairie, St. Claire County, Ill., March 3, 1878.

### H. C. CODDINGTON'S CASE.

HE TELLS HIS STORY FOR THE BENEFIT OF HUMANITY.

To the Editor of the Herald:—With pleasure I join in giving my experience with Dr. J. A. Sherman's treatment of rupture.

I was a sufferer, applied to him last December, and his treatment nas truly been a blessing to me. I feel as though I have been entirely cured for some time—have tested the cure to my satisfaction. I have worked harder and with lighter head since I first went under his treatment than I could before, I have recommended others to the doctor, who are also rejoicing from the good effects of his treatment. I am in business here, and the postmaster, or any one who knows me, will indorse what I say. I have no selfish motives in making this public statement. I paid Dr. Sherman his price; feel grateful for what he has done for me; but, at the same time, my sympathy for the ruptured is such that I feel as though it is a duty I owe to suffering humanity.

HENRY C. CODDINGTON.

Taunton, Mass., Nov. 13, 1879.

### REV. CHARLES H. CHASE'S LETTER.

Dr. J. A. SHERMAN: The appliance in your treatment received from you in your Boston office, 43 Milk street, works well, keeping my rupture in place as the truss failed to do for the year past.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES H. CHASE.

Kingston, N. H., Dec. 23, 1879.

Methodist Minister.

Mr. Chase was induced to call on Dr. J. A. Sherman from reading favorable notices in the New York Christian Advocate. He has

and is, receiving so much benefit from the treatment, that he feels like adding his testimony for the encouragement of sufferers in doubt.

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### REV. J. D. ADAMS WRITES:

Dr. J. A. SHERMAN—Dear Sir: From personal experience of the use and worth of your appliance in your treatment of Hernia, I can freely speak of it as a benefaction to all those who may need it. A knowledge of what it is and can do is its best commendation. I have not seen or heard of its equal.

Respectfully yours,

J. D. ADAMS.

Melrose Highlands, Sept. 6, 1879.

To Dr. J. A. Sherman, 43 Milk St. Boston.

Mr. Adams is distinguished both as a preacher and writer. His positive statement of the value of Dr. J. A. Sherman's treatment must be encouraging to those who have heretofore failed to find relief. The large number of eminent gentlemen, well known in this community, who indorse Dr. Sherman's skillful treatment, clearly proves that it is invaluable to the victims of Rupture.

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### REV. JOHN HASKILL.

HE WRITES EMPHATICALLY OF DR. SHERMAN'S RUPTURE  
TREATMENT.

In regard to the success of Dr. J. A. Sherman in the treatment of Hernia, Rev. John Haskill of Billerica, Mass., writes: "It gives me pleasure to assure you of my continued and increasing confidence in Dr. Sherman's treatment of Rupture. In comparing it with two other modes of treatment which I tried, both claiming to be the best, I have to say that his treatment has been of more value to me in the past four months than theirs for an equal number of years. It is what the ruptured need, and I feel as though I cannot too strongly recommend it."

This is strong and conclusive testimony concerning a matter of vital importance to the thousands who are troubled with that serious ailment.—*Boston Globe*.

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### WM. FITZPATRICK'S CASE.

FIFTEEN YEARS OF TERRIBLE SUFFERING FROM RUPTURE, AND HOW  
HE WAS RESTORED AND SAVED.

To the Editor of the Herald:—I no longer wonder at the statements made by those who have been treated for rupture by Dr. J. A. Sherman. I used to think that they were exaggerated: but since I took courage and called on the Doctor I have changed my opinion. I was a great unbeliever in the cure of rupture, because I had tried a great many trusses during the past fifteen years, from the effects of which I was annoyed, vexed and yearly growing worse. I was often nervous, fidgetty and cross—dispirited and discouraged, not only from

the sufferings of the rupture and trusses, but the multitude of other ailments growing out of them. I often felt as if I was burdened with liver complaint, kidney and bladder affections, dyspepsia, loss of memory and other mortifying ailments. I seemed to be growing dissatisfied with everything, and fast losing my incentives for business or pleasure; consequently was compelled to do something for myself, and concluded, as a last resort, to consult Dr. Sherman. After stating my case to him, he expressed his opinion as to the cause of my sufferings, and gave me great encouragement of his ability to relieve and restore me; consequently I took his treatment, which to my astonishment, has relieved me of the ruptures, and all the other distressing ailments. I am satisfied that few suffering from rupture and the use of trusses can realize how much they are affected until they get cured. Like I was in the habit of doing, they generally attribute their ailments to some other cause.

Only a few days since my wife was saying that she thought when I paid Dr. Sherman, there was so much more money thrown away; "but," she added, "I am happily disappointed; his treatment has proved a great blessing to you, and, in point of health, worth more to you than thousands. She sees the difference in me, and I feel it, and we mutually enjoy the same feelings as to the value of Dr. Sherman's treatment for rupture and the trouble arising from it. The animation and buoyancy of spirits which I now enjoy is a new life to me. Knowing these things I make this public statement for the encouragement of others who are suffering as I formerly suffered. I now work with vigor and animation from day to day, whereas before I went to Dr. Sherman I was dragging out a miserable existence. Anybody wishing to see me personally can call on me at Messrs. White, Payson & Co's., 43 Avon street, or at my residence, 96 East Brookline street.

WM. FITZPATRICK.

Boston, Nov. 12, 1879.

### HON. J. M. ASHMORE'S EXPERIENCE.

*As related by him to one of the Editors of the St. Louis Republican and published in that paper.*

#### A VICTIM OF RUPTURE FOR MORE THAN FORTY-FIVE YEARS AND NOW CURED.

Recently, in conversation with Hon. J. M. Ashmore, who resides in Charleston, Coles County, Ill., and ex-sheriff of that county, he related his experience, in a conversation concerning Dr. J. A. Sherman as follows: He said I was a victim of rupture for more than forty-five years; I did not regard it particularly until I entered the army and went into active service, when the trouble began to annoy me greatly. In 1876 I was selected sheriff, and owing to the exercise I was compelled to take in pursuance of my duties, the hernia increased rapidly, until the most alarming symptoms of strangulation were frequently manifested. I then realized that something must be done to save my life. I was advised to consult Dr. J. A. Sherman, of New York, which I did while the doctor was in St. Louis in April of last

year, and being convinced that Dr. Sherman fully understood my situation, I felt encouraged and adopted his treatment, after which I realized no more of the distressing symptoms, while at the same time I was enabled to prosecute my duties with the greatest satisfaction; I improved so rapidly that in the short space of seven months thereafter I was thoroughly cured; the appliance I used under the doctor's treatment afforded me so much comfort that I laid it aside, even when I knew I was cured, with the greatest reluctance, because from its use I felt satisfied I had been saved from a horrible death.

Mr. Ashmore could not express the gratitude he felt for his speedy restoration from a life made miserable in the extreme to the happy condition of a sound body and a satisfied mind, and his exultant pride over his recovery was as natural as the love of life itself.

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### H. E. NORTON'S CASE.

TREATED BY DR. J. A. SHERMAN FOR RUPTURE AND WHAT

HE SAYS.

*To the Editor of the Herald:—*

Humanity dictates that I should publicly state, for the benefit of those who are afflicted with rupture, that I have been a victim to that terrible ailment for several years, and found nothing but torment and injury from the use of a truss, and that, hearing of Dr. J. A. Sherman's success, I applied to him at his Boston office, on the 31st day of last January, and, after consultation, took his treatment, from which time I was enabled to pursue my business with safety and comfort. I am engaged at the car works as freight inspector, and, notwithstanding I have extraordinary hard work at times, I now feel entirely cured of the rupture. I have had my expectations more than realized, and with pleasure and confidence recommend Dr. Sherman's treatment to others. When I received the Doctor's treatment I was living in Salem, but my present address is No. 54 Haverhill St., Charlestown, where it will afford me pleasure to give further information to any one who wishes to see me personally.

HOWARD E. NORTON.

Charlestown, Mass., Oct. 31, 1879.

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### Mr. H. L. Woodard's Experience.

DR. J. A. SHERMAN—Dear Sir: I am quite sure I am cured. I feel no symptoms of the rupture. The curative compound is all out; do you think I ought to use any more.

H. L. WOODARD.

Milbury. Aug. 18, 1879.

He is a carriage painter.

Mr. Woodard received treatment Feb. 1st, 1879, and is a thorough going business man.

## Mr. A. D. Norton's Communication.

*Editor Boston Herald:—*

You have published many statements concerning Dr. Sherman's treatment of rupture, and now I wish you would publish mine.

For some time my wife was troubled with umbilical rupture; tried and failed to obtain relief from the use of trusses and bandages; frequently had pains and sick spells, caused by the rupture, and often the most distressing sympathies.

Dr. J. A. Sherman, 43 Milk Street, Boston, was consulted last March. His treatment was procured, relief at once obtained, and the most satisfactory and encouraging results ensued. Not only the rupture, but my wife's general health, has been surprisingly improved, so much so that I am now satisfied it was the rupture more than anything else depressed her spirits. I can cheerfully recommend Dr. Sherman's treatment as a good thing for rupture, I am a farmer, well known in this country, and those who know me, know I would be the last man to recommend anything that is not good. I am as much down on humbuggery, as anybody; it can't live near me.

A. D. NORTON.

Saxonville, Mass., Oct. 7, 1879.

## LETTER FROM MR. E. T. PAIGE, DRUGGIST.

DR. J. A. SHERMAN.

Dear Sir: I would like to know what time you will be in Boston again, as I would like to go down and see you. I think my rupture is cured or nearly so I feel no inconvenience from it but don't want to take off the Appliance until I am sure of it. I have had several letters within a short time asking about my case, and I should like to tell all that I have thrown away the appliance and am well, that is why I want to see you and be sure of it. If you are not going to be in Boston soon please send me some of the Medicinal Compound as I am nearly out.

Yours respectfully,

E. T. PAIGE.

Chicopee Falls, Mass., Feb. 18, 1880.

**WESLEY PHILLIPS—HIS REMARKABLE CURE.**

DR. J. A. SHERMAN—Dear Sir: I am happy to inform you that I am entirely cured of my large scrotal rupture. It is one year ago to-day that I received your treatment. I have tested the cure by going without the appliance. My business is that of a locomotive engineer.

My rupture, as you will recall to your mind, was similar to Mr. Jordan's in your pamphlet of illustrations.

I was ruptured in the year 1863, while in the army. I have tried spring and elastic trusses with great discomfort and injury, my rupture always growing worse. Finding that I must get some relief or give up my business, I determined to try you as a last resort, and I must say that I found your treatment a complete success. My improvement and cure has, considering my terrible condition, surprised my friends as well as myself. During your treatment I have worked hard in my business, enjoying both safety and comfort, and have not lost a day's work. My general health has also improved. I will take pleasure in recommending the afflicted to you whenever I have an opportunity.

You may publish this letter for the benefit of humanity.

My address is 211 East 44th st. With best wishes, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

New York City, Oct. 25, 1880.

WESLEY PHILLIPS.

See Mr. Jordan's case, on page 18 of Illustrated Pamphlet, to fully realize Mr. Phillips' case.

**Mr. D. W. Barton's Son's Cure.**

DR. J. A. SHERMAN, 251 Broadway, N. Y.

Dear Sir: You treated my son, Wilfred, for rupture at your Boston office in 1879. He did well under your treatment and has been perfectly cured. He has not used any treatment now for several months. I regard your method as invaluable to any one ruptured. I am satisfied with my experience in his case, that trusses would never have cured him. I have the fullest confidence in your treatment and in recommending it to the afflicted.

Yours truly,

New Haven, Vt., Nov. 5, 1880.

G. W. BARTON.

**A Letter Covering Mr. Crain's Case.**

DR. J. A. SHERMAN—Mr. H. A. Crain, of Whitesboro, Oneida Co., N. Y., informs me he was cured of rupture, or hernia of the most terrible form, by the application of an invention of yours designed for that disease. As we have a friend, who is a terrible sufferer from a rupture, we would like one of your pamphlets with

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photographic supplement, which will show what has been done for like sufferers. Enclosed, please find ten cents in stamps, as Mr. C. informs me that is the price of one. Please direct to

Evanston, Ill., Oct. 22, 1880.

T. G. FROST.

**Mr. D. B. Lent's Case of Cure.**

Having been ruptured for some time, and suffered from the use of trusses, and having been cured by the remedies of Dr. J. A. Sherman, I feel it a duty and pleasure to recommend the afflicted to consult him with confidence, procure his treatment and be restored to soundness, as I have been.

D. B. LENT.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., August 23th, 1876.

Mr. Lent is a prominent citizen of Poughkeepsie, and although his business requires him to be very active, he boasts of having received little or no inconvenience from Dr. Sherman's treatment, and is very enthusiastic over his good fortune of being cured, and totally freed from the harrassing and dangerous nature of rupture.

—*N. Y. Sun.*

**Extract from Mr. B. F. George's Statement.**

DR. J. A. SHERMAN—Dear Sir: Having used your rupture treatment, and been permanently cured, I have spoken highly of its merits, and recommend it to my friends.

B. F. GEORGE, Att'y at Law.

Kent, Union Co., Iowa, Aug. 14th, 1880.

**Mr. T. B. Tyler's Statement of Cure.**

DR. J. A. SHERMAN—Dear Sir: By reference to your case book, you will see that you treated me for scrotal rupture, at your Boston office, 43 North street. I am now most happy to inform you that I am entirely cured, and have been for some time. When I applied to you I was in a suffering condition from my increasing rupture and the tormenting truss. Your treatment was a great relief to me, and a source of happiness from the day I took it. I realized while in the pursuit of my business a source of comfort and satisfaction that I cannot express. I have often since thought how sad and discouraged I was about my increasing trouble before I saw you, and how grieved over the fear of soon having to give up my business. Truly, where the future was dark and forbidding your valuable services and remedies, have made it bright and cheerful. I now work without fear and with that energy and courage that only physical soundness can inspire.

I am engaged at the rubber works at Charlestown, and my duties are both tedious and laborious, yet, at the close of the day I do not feel worn or fagged out as I did while I was ruptured. I often think how sad would have been my fate as I advanced in life had I not fortunately met with you.

I feel grateful for what you have done for me, and shall always esteem it as a duty and pleasure to recommend your skill and treatment to any one suffering from rupture.

T. R. TYLER.

5 Michigan Ave., Lynn, Mass., Oct. 25th, 1880.

### Extract from Mr. Dennistoun's Statement.

To the Editor of the *Pioneer Press*:

I see in your paper a letter from Mr. Geo. W. Libby of Minneapolis, to Dr. J. A. Sherman of New York, the famous specialist in the treatment of rupture.

I know Dr. Sherman very well, being one of his old patients. Mr. Libby speaks highly of Dr. Sherman's treatment, from the benefit he has received during the past month; but I can say more, having been fully cured by it six years since of a bad rupture, from which I had suffered more than eighteen years.

I tried various advertised trusses, all of which added to my disappointment and suffering. It did seem as if I was a doomed man—as if I was to go through life a creature of incapacity, suffering and fear.

While in this miserable condition, I one day casually picked up a piece of newspaper, and Dr. Sherman's card in it. I read it. I thought of it, and then I went to consult him. I went to him with both hope and fear, having been so repeatedly disappointed. When he examined my case he assured me that he could give the relief I had been so long looking for. I felt encouraged, and had him treat my case. I was at once relieved, attended to my work with great satisfaction, safety and comfort, and to my surprise and great joy was entirely cured in about twelve months time.

When I applied to Dr. Sherman, seven years ago, I was living on Staten Island, N. Y.; I am now, and have been for the past three years, living in Minnesota, with Mr. James Smith, on the Lyndale stock farm, three miles south of Minneapolis. I know Dr. Sherman is a stranger, and make this public statement to assure those who need his treatment that it is all he claims for it.

THOMAS DENNISTOUN.

Lyndale Stock Farm, March 19, 1880.

**DR. A. POLLARD'S LETTER TO DR. SHERMAN.**

DR. J. A. SHERMAN, 251 Broadway, New York:

It is a duty we owe to one another to add our testimony in favor of anything we have found from experience has a tendency to relieve suffering, improve health, and prolong life. This duty I now feel devolves upon me.

When I called on you I was an object worthy the commiseration of all who knew me. My muscular system was greatly emaciated, and my nervous system in a condition to afford me very little aid in the performance of those functions of life for which they were designed to assist. In short I was a burden to myself and able to render little assistance to my fellowmen, especially in my profession.

All this trouble resulted from inguinal hernia, from which I suffered more than eight years. At first it was trifling, and I thought I would be able to cure it with a truss and procured one, but it only seemed to aggravate and increase the trouble. I then consulted some of my professional brethren, and through their recommendation procured other trusses, the use of which were alike unsatisfactory. Still I persevered, each different truss being recommended above all others, and each seemingly a greater source of torment, I now realized my mistake and that of the faculty in recommending trusses to patients. I have no conception of the discomfort they inflicted until I began the use of them. I do not wish to recount the many different kinds I tried, do not wish to think of them, but the misery they caused me I shall remember to the end of my life.

Fortunately in looking over a newspaper I noticed your advertisement, glanced over it, and then hesitated, thinking perhaps it was a new dodge—the old truss with its train of inflictions, offered under a more enticing name.

However, I was a victim of rupture and anxious for relief, and carefully read it over again; then felt somewhat encouraged and hopeful, as my experience coincided with your condemnation of trusses, which, together with the absence of the usual fulsome bragadocia, decided me to give your method a trial; and though living a considerable distance from you, I took the journey, saw and conversed with you, received your treatment, and have used it now a period of three months with a pleasure and benefit that it is absolutely useless for me to undertake to describe; indeed, my improvement in every sense of the word is wonderful, and my faith greatly strengthened in a permanent cure as the final result.

Now, in justice to humanity, from my knowledge of your treatment through what it has done for me, I shall whenever occasion offers, recommend it. Recently I went considerably out of my way to see a brother physician in an adjoining county who, if possible, has been more terribly afflicted than myself. He was glad to learn of my improvement, and said he would call on you as soon as he could arrange to leave his practice long enough to do so.

And now, in conclusion, Doctor, permit me to say that I do most devoutly thank God and every other influence that determined me to call on you and use your remedies.

Westport, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1881.

Yours, very truly,  
A. POLLARD, M. D.

## Result of Enquiries made by James M. Cooper.

Those afflicted with Rupture can take Mr. Cooper's inquiries as though made by themselves, and act in accordance with their interest. He was so well pleased with his investigation that he recently came on from Moline, Ill., to consult Dr. Sherman at his New York office, when he handed him a number of letters, from which the following are extracts. Mr. Cooper was highly gratified with his researches, and took Dr. Sherman's treatment in full faith of being relieved and secured from the sufferings he had endured from trusses and the dangers of strangulated rupture :

J. H. COOPER Esq., Moline, Ill.—Dear Sir : Your letter of the 18th inst., inquiring about Dr. J. A. Sherman, received. Dr. Sherman cured me of Rupture of forty years' standing. He does not use the knife ; no operation in his treatment. His treatment is his appliance and Curative Compound. His appliance does not interfere with any kind of work. I think his treatment is sure cure, for my case was a very bad one, and he cured me. Yours,

Charleston, Ill., July 19, 1881. JAMES M. ASHMORE.

Further particulars concerning Mr. Ashmore's cure, as related to one of the editors of the St. Louis Republican, can be seen in Dr. Sherman's book.

MR. J. H. COOPER—Dear Sir : In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., would state I was treated by Dr. Sherman, November, 1877, and have had no trouble from Rupture since. I believe, judging from length of time which has elapsed, that the cure is permanent.

Respectfully yours,

WM. L. HAWKINS.

Level P. O., Hartford county, Md., Aug. 11, 1881.

Mr. Hawkins is a farmer, was ruptured from infancy, and suffered from the long use of trusses.

J. H. COOPER, Esq.—Dear Sir : Your letter is at hand. You say you want to know something of Dr. Sherman's treatment. Well, I will tell you. I have been treated by him for Rupture. I must say he has done me a great deal of good. I am cured of Rupture on one side. I cannot say whether he can cure you or not, but I think if I were you I would try him. I risked it myself, and I am glad of it. His appliance is easier than any truss, and more secure ; will not prevent you from working, but will make you stronger, and from the start keep the Rupture perfectly in place.

Boston, July 22, 1881. WM. FITZPATRICK, 43 Avon St.

MR. J. H. COOPER.—Dear Sir : Your inquiry has been unavoidably neglected. Dr. Sherman's treatment has proved a success in my case, and I am confident of it being a permanent cure. His treatment consists of an appliance and a curative compound to apply to the affected parts ; you will suffer no inconvenience from either. I can heartily recommend his treatment to all who suffer from Rupture.

Yours, &c.,

Mt. Vegnon, Ill., Aug. 12, 1881.

WILLIAM COLEMAN.

Mr. Coleman is a farmer, and was treated several years since at the St. Louis office,

**BENJ. F. MEEKER, ESQ.,**

Of Tarrytown, N. Y., a gentleman of wealth and high standing, endorses Dr. Sherman's radical treatment in the following statement: "I am gratified at every occasion for sounding Dr. Sherman's praise, and with great pleasure I bear testimony to his really wonderful success in the treatment of hernia. For a period of fifteen years I suffered with rupture, and for ten years I was a victim to a double hernia, the like of which I am thankful afflicts very few persons. Truss after truss was used, but only to multiply my distress, for there were none but that would permit the injured parts to slip, leaving me in woeful agony. Three times I was attacked with strangulation, and if there are any horrors equal to those I suffered on these occasions, except from a similar affliction, I have yet to be told of them; my life besides being a torment, was constantly threatened with death, while my general health became very bad. I was under the treatment of a rupture specialist once, but while he gave me no relief by his torturous instruments, my agony of mind and body was greatly increased, and the money I so expended was worse than thrown away. In February of 1870, I applied to Dr. Sherman, though my doubts of his ability to afford me relief were very strong; the suffering which constantly annoyed my existence, however, compelled me to do something, for the rupture extended down on both sides to an enormous size, as may be seen by a photograph now in possession of Dr. Sherman, and while being exceedingly painful, it was still daily enlarging. After adopting his appliance I returned home, and began a strict observance of his instructions, bathing the injury with his curative compound, as he directed. The support gave me perfect ease from the day it was put on, and by a careful use of the compound all inflammation subsided, and I obtained perfect freedom from pain. My feelings were constantly indicative of the healing results of his treatment, and I could see that the orifice was gradually diminishing, while my health and spirits rapidly improved. In about nine months time the rupture entirely disappeared, and ever since, notwithstanding the fact that I am nearly seventy-five years of age, I have been as sound in body and blessed with as good health as any man. I am radically cured, and having been so for fully ten years, is my reason for saying that the cure is permanent."

**GEORGE HUNT, ESQ.,**

Foreman of the Ivanhoe Paper Mills, at Paterson, N. J., has the following words of praise for Dr. Sherman's treatment: "About fourteen years ago, while working in the mills, I was ruptured on the right side, and afterwards, though I wore several trusses the protrusion passed down into the scrotum and increased in size very fast. I omitted the use of nothing that was recommended to relieve the trouble, consulting, various physicians and trying more than a dozen different trusses. The pain caused at times, by the least exertion would fairly distract me, and I was in constant distress of mind, which effected my entire system and made serious inroads upon my formerly good health. In

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1868 or '69, I was induced by so many favorable reports I heard to consult with Dr. Sherman. At the first interview my impressions were decidedly hopeful and I accepted his treatment. The use of his appliance, which was so comfortable and perfect in its action, gave me ease of both mind and body, while the curative compound acted the part of a thoroughly remedial agent, so that a progress towards cure, not to speak of the great relief the treatment afforded from the day it was adopted, was very rapid, and has long since been accomplished. It has now been nine or ten years since I wore the appliance, and my physical soundness has continued. I can perform any taxing labor, stand on my feet all day, or, in fact, use any exertion of body with impunity, so far as any anxiety of returning rupture is concerned, as my cure is certainly radical and permanent. There is a photograph taken of me when I went to consult Dr. Sherman, which is still in his possession, showing the extent of my rupture, and another illustrating my condition after cure.

### Levi Lutz About Dr. Sherman's Rupture Treatment.

Lancaster, Pa., March 24, 1882.

DR. J. A. SHERMAN—

Dear Sir: You will remember how terribly I was ruptured on both sides when I called on you for treatment, because you have my photographs. I now write to let you know that you have made of me a new man. The difference in all the essentials that make life enjoyable I can realize, but cannot express in words. At first my ruptures were small, but during 30 years and more, got so bad, despite the trusses I used, that God only knows how I suffered. I finally got so bad my only relief was when in bed. This was a terrible condition for one at my age of life to be in. I had no appetite, no social feelings, no ambition; nor could I be otherwise while my bowels were so much out of place. Thanks to your skill and treatment, Doctor, they have restored me, made me strong and vigorous, given me a new lease of life, fitted me for active business and all the social enjoyments of society. I feel grateful to you Doctor, and will always take pleasure in recommending the afflicted to your care. Why, if I could convey to them half of what you have done for me you would be crowded to death with rupture victims seeking relief. Rupture is a little matter at first, so I thought, but then, when it gets bad, oh, how it interferes with all of those enjoyments which make life worth living for.

You may publish this letter, and when any one calls let them see my photographs, then they may be able to realize something of my present happy condition.

Wishing you long life in your good work, I remain,

Yours truly,

LEVI LUTZ.

215 Lemon St., Lancaster, Pa.

From the Boston *Transcript*, Dec. 17, 1878.


### Dr. Sherman's Hernia Case in Court.

The trial and acquittal of Dr. J. A. Sherman of New York has attracted much attention this week. The facts seem to be that Dr. Sherman was solicited by a number of citizens, sufferers from rupture, to make a professional visit to this city. He acceded to their request, and had been only three days established in his office, 43 Milk street, when he was arrested on a charge of "circulating obscene prints or pictures." Dr. Sherman finds it absolutely necessary, as an aid to successful treatment, to use anatomical representations of some of the different classes of cases that he treats. With his "Treatise on Hernia" he has a supplement containing photographic likenesses of a large number of very severe but actual cases he has treated and cured, showing the ailment as it was, then as it appeared and improved under his treatment, and lastly showing a complete cure,—the object of these being the benefit of the afflicted of course. That these pictures were gotten up for any other purpose except a necessarily useful and eminently legitimate one was emphatically denied. But Detective Knox, as he himself testified, went to the office, and bought a book and supplement for ten cents, under the pretence that he had a child ruptured, when Detective Wade, who had previously supplied himself with the same books, walked into the doctor's office and made the arrest.

The case was on for trial before Judge Putnam of the Superior Court, Wednesday and Thursday. The only witnesses the State had to rely on were Wilson and two detectives. District Attorney Stevens for the State, Charles J. Brooks, for defendant. For Doctor Sherman there were a number of respectable witnesses in court, ready to testify, some of whom volunteered to come and did come from New York. Among the number may be specially named A. F. Dyer of Charlestown, a railway employec, now being rapidly cured by the doctor's process; Alvin Sherman of South Boston, who two years since, procuring one of the above books, went to the doctor's office in New York, and is now completely cured. Other witnesses there were, who had either been radically cured or are now under most promising treatment. Besides Dr. Sherman himself and his colored man, were further observed among witnesses for the defence, Dr. A. F. Pollock, Dr. La Grange, army surgeon, and Dr. H. Chase. The latter gentleman testified most emphatically that so far from being improper, the photographic exhibit in question were quite the reverse; that hernia could not be intelligently described nor properly shown by any possible form of language, nor, indeed, be successfully treated without making and using such representations as were here made use of and shown. That, in fact, there was a surgical necessity. Judge Putnam, in his charge to the jury, showed clearly that, under the statutes, no offence whatever had been committed. The jury agreed with him, and returned a verdict of not guilty. The verdict was received in the crowded court room with evident satisfaction, the audience making such demonstrations of applause as to render it necessary for the officers to interfere to preserve order. Hereafter the doctor will probably be allowed to practice his profession in peace.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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 Parties after reading this book frequently write to know what the charges will be for the treatment of their cases respectively, whether ladies as well as gentlemen are treated, &c., &c.

To avoid such delay and needless correspondence, it is here stated that Dr. Sherman treats both sexes, of all ages, and that his charges for treatment are moderate, varying from fifty dollars upwards, depending upon the character and condition of the case as developed on examination.



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